COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON-ORABLE 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, February 4, 2000.
Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 702(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–120), I hereby appoint the following member to the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office:

Mr. Tony Beilenson, Chevy Chase, MD. Yours Very Truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. CAPPS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. Brown of Ohio (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for the week of February 7 on account of illness.

Mr. VENTO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the month on account of illness.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 8, 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:

6017. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV00-932-1 IFR] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6018. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1999-2000 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV00-982-1 IFR] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6019. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Depart-

ment's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-966-1 FIR] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.
6020. A letter from the Associate Adminis-

6020. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV00-959-1 FR] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6021. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Phosphine; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300961; FRL-6484-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6022. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 98F-0569] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6023. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for Montana; Revisions to the Missoula County Air Quality Rules [MT-001-0016a; FRL-6506-1] received December 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6024. 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 Plan; Illinois [IL177-1a; FRL-6506-3] received December 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6025. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Georgia; 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress Plan and 9 Percent Rate-of-Progress Plan for the Atlanta Ozone Nonattainment Area [GA 34-9919(c), GA25-1-9805(c); FRL-6515-8] received December 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6026. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting the Agency's final rule—State of Alabama; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Revision; Approval of Alabama's Class II UIC Program Revision—received December 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6027. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting the Agency's final rule—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper [FRL-6515-6] (RIN: 2140-AC27) received December 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6028. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting the Agency's final rule—Control of Air Pollution from New Motor Vehicles: Tier 2 Motor Vehicle Emissions Standards and Gasoline Sulfur Control Requirements [AMS-FRL-6516-2] (RIN: 2060-AI23) received December 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6029. 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, Kern County Air Pollution Control District [CA172-0209a; FRL-6529-4] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6030. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Findings of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking on Section 126 Petitions for Purposes of Reducing Interstate Ozone Transport [FRL-6515-5] received January 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6031. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances [OPPTS-50635; FRL-6055-2] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received January 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6032. 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; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA236-0204; FRL-6528-5] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A): to the Committee on Commerce

6033. 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, Kern County, San Diego County, San Joaquin Valley Unified County Air Pollution Control Districts [CA 234-0187a FRL-6529-6] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6034. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; South Dakota; Revisions to Performance Testing Regulation [SD-001-0007a and SD-001-0008a; FRL-6527-2] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6035. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Party Committee Coordinated Expenditures; Costs of Media Travel with Publicly Financed Presidential Candidates [Notice 1999-13] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

6036. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Determination of Endangered Status for Blackburn's Sphinx Moth from the Hawaiian Islands (RIN: 1018–AE20) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources

6037. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Hook-and-line or Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 990304063–9063–01; I.D.

120299A] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on

6038. A letter from the Chief. Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS: Bahia De Mayaguez, Puerto Rico [CGD07-99-020] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6039. A letter from the Chief. Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS: "Thunder Over Charlotte Amalie" The 14th Annual Virgin Islands Carnival Fireworks Display, Saint Thomas, USVI [CGD07 99-029] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

6040. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS: Moonlight Fireworks Display, Water Bay, Saint Thomas, USVI [CGD07 99-031] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6041. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS: Moonlight Fireworks Display, Caneel Bay, Saint John, USVI [CGD07 99-032] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6042. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS: Savannah Waterfront Association's July 4th fireworks display, Savannah, GA [CGD07 99-041] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6043. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Baltimore Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland [CGD 05-99-025] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6044. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Baltimore Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland [CGD 05-99-028] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6045. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS: Palm Beach County Offshore Grand Prix, Riviera Beach, Florida [CGD07-99-059] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6046. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS: Moonlight Fire-

works Display, Great Bay, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. [CGD07-99-006] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6047. A letter from the Program Analyst. FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule-Estab-

lishment of Class E Airspace; Burlington, VT [Airspace Docket No. 99-ANE-91] received December 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6048. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule-Safety Zones, Security Zones, And Special Local Regulations [USCG-1999-5938] received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

6049. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: City of Clarksville Riverfest; Cumberland River mile 126.5 to 128.5, Clarksville, TN [CGD08-99-054] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6050. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: July 4th Celebration; River Mile 943.0-944.3; Metropolis, IL [CGD08-99-045] received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6051. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: July 4th Celebration: Ohio River Mile 934.0-935.0; Paducah, KY [CGD08-99-044] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

6052. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations; East West Powerboat Shoot Out Offshore Boat Race Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, Texas [CGD08-99-043] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6053. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Eskimo Escapades, Tennessee River Mile 647.7, Knoxville, TN [CGD08-99-003] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6054. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Service's final rule-Master and prototype plan program [Rev. Proc. 2000-20] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A): to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6055. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule-Stock Transfer Rules [TD 8862] (RIN: 1545-AI32) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6056. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule-Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System [Rev. Proc. 2000-16] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6057. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule-Termination of Puerto Rico and Possession Tax Credit; New Lines of Business Prohibited [TD 8868] (RIN: 1545-AV68) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A): to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6058. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Stock Transfer Rules: Supplemental Rules [TD 8863] (RIN: 1545-AX64) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6059. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule-Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 2000-8] received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6060. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit. Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Amortization of Intangible Property [TD 8865] (RIN: 1545-AS77) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Wavs and Means.

6061. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule-Economic Development Administration Regulations: Revision to Implement Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998 [Docket 990106003-9169-03 and 980813217-9141] (RIN: 0610-AA56 and 0610-AA59) received December 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Banking and Financial Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

[Omitted from the Record of February 3, 2000]

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. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on Science. H.R. 1656. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the commercial application of energy technology and related civilian energy and scientific programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-492 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

[Filed on February 7, 2000]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means, H.R. 6, A bill to amend the Interval Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amount applicable to unmarried individuals; with amendments (Rept. 106-493). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE. Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2366. A bill to provide small businesses certain protections from litigation excesses and to limit the product liability of nonproduct sellers; with an manufacturer amendment (Report. 106-494 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.