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SEC. 2. EXTINGUISHMENT OF LIABILITY.

Notwithstanding section 2465 of title 10, United States Code, any liability of Akal Security, Incorporated, to the United States for repayment of \$57,771.29 for the services described in section 1 is hereby extinguished.

SEC. 3. FULL SATISFACTION.

The relief under sections 1 and 2 shall, when accepted by or on behalf of Akal Security, Incorporated, be in full satisfaction of all claims of or on behalf of Akal Security, Incorporated, against the United States or against any officer, employee, or agent of the United States acting within the scope of employment or agency, for payment for the services described in section 1.

SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON ATTORNEY FEES.

It shall be unlawful for an amount exceeding 10 percent of the amount paid pursuant to section 1 to be paid to, or received by, any agent or attorney for any service rendered in connection with the claim described in such section. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of an infraction, and shall be subject to a fine in the amount provided in title 18, United States Code.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3646 and H.R. 3363, the bills just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1654, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000, 2001, AND 2002

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1654) to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will appoint conferees later today.

OPPOSITION TO INTERNET ACCESS FEES

(Mr. KUYKENDALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today the House will vote on important legislation that will affect the millions of Americans who use the Internet. Specifically we will take action to prevent the FCC from imposing Internet access charges.

In just a few short years, the Nation has evolved into a digital one. Most of us have surfed the Web and have corresponded with friends and loved ones with e-mail. It will continue to develop but only if we prevent commercial blocks like taxes and access charges.

I have had more mail from constituents on this one issue than any other issue since I have been in Congress. To my constituents, let me say simply that I have heard that message. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. Congress today will recognize the Internet's importance and say no to access fees. We must keep the Internet tax-free. It is the right thing to do.

INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell about Yona Gelernter, whose three children were abducted to Israel by their mother, Anat Gelernter. On April 17, 1995, Chaya, Menachem and Chava were taken from their Brooklyn, New York home to Israel.

As the parents were still married, Yona applied in the New York courts for emergency custody of his children. Additionally, because Israel is a signatory to the Hague Convention, he was able to apply for the return of his three children under the agreement. He filed his Hague petition in October of 1997 and on August 13, 1998, the Israeli courts ordered the immediate return of Chaya, Menachem and Chava to their father in the United States. However, when the mother learned that she had lost her case, she went into hiding with the three children. Yona has since hired private investigators in Israel to attempt to locate his wife and three children. He has not seen them since their abduction.

Mr. Speaker, there are 10,000 American children out there whose stories are similar, 10,000 American children and their parents who experience the same kind of pain and devastation every day of their separation. This Congress must take action to solve this problem and help reunite parents with their children. Mr. Speaker, we must bring our children home.

AUTISM

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, when you look at these posters, you see beautiful, happy children. But what you do not know is that Bonnie and Willis Flick are beautiful, happy chil-

dren with autism. Autism is a neurological disorder that impacts half a million people in America. This disorder makes it hard for them to communicate with others and to relate to the outside world. Autistic children have difficulties in communications, in social interactions and even in play activities. I am a very close friend of Bonnie and Willis Flick's parents and I have seen the distress and the frustration that dealing with autism may impose on families.

Approximately 50 percent of Florida's families with autism reside within my community of south Florida and Bonnie and Willis Flick are just two. But the Flicks are among the fortunate few who can afford intervention and counseling to help them cope with autism, because when one child suffers with autism, indeed the entire family is impacted.

Last week, the House passed the Children's Health Act to fight against autism by establishing centers to develop treatment and prevention methods. Thousands of children like Bonnie and Willis Flick will benefit from this research because for families living with autism, until we find a cure, research is what keeps our hopes alive.

LIES, COVER-UPS AND MURDER

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Reports show that the FBI lied about Waco. The FBI denied using tear gas until a memo was found and they were forced to admit it. The FBI then confiscated all autopsy reports of victims at Waco and now claims they lost it. In addition, the FBI lied about Ruby Ridge, Idaho, forcing Congress to give \$5 million to the Weaver family to cover up their lies. Lies, cover-ups, murder, over 90 Americans killed at Waco and Ruby Ridge and not one single charge.

Beam me up. The Congress of the United States is allowing a police state to exist in our own country. Shame, Congress. Lies, murder, Waco, Ruby Ridge, Boston. You name the cities. I yield back the crimes and cover-ups of the Gestapo state that has developed in America at the United States Justice Department.

INCOMPETENCE CAN CAUSE DEVASTATION

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, one of the worst wildfires in history rages continually out of control in New Mexico today and so far has burned over 10,000 acres of land in that State. And it is the National Park Service who is to blame. Thousands of residents have been evicted, hundreds of homes have been destroyed or damaged and the

lives of these families threatened. Yet all of this devastation and upheaval could have been prevented if the National Park Service had not blatantly ignored key information.

The National Weather Service informed the Park Service hours before a controlled burn was to begin that weather conditions were actually a blueprint for spreading a fire. But in spite of this warning, the fire was started, anyway.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to all those families who have lost everything as a result of this man-made disaster and our deepest appreciation goes out to the firefighters now risking their lives battling a wildfire which should never have occurred.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the negligence and incompetence of the National Park Service, an agency supposed to be responsible for protecting our national land.

FEDERAL RESERVE RATE INCREASE TARGETS WORKING FAMILIES

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. The economic pundits only question how much of an interest rate increase the Fed will do today. They miss the basic question. Why? Core inflation is about 2 percent, less than it was a year ago.

Federal Chief Greenspan spent another sleepless night last night, not because he is worried about the damage the rate increase is going to do to working families, everyone who has to borrow money to buy a house, buy a car and finance major purchases. They will pay billions to finance his crusade. No, he had a sleepless night because he kept looking under the bed and in the closet for the chimera of inflation that does not exist.

What is the real agenda? If it is irrational exuberance, raise the margin rates on Wall Street. But maybe the real agenda is that he wants to drive up unemployment and drive down wages. God forbid American workers should get a wage increase. That is the real agenda of the Federal Reserve. It is targeted at the working families of America.

OBSCENITY LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, 80 percent of the American people say they want obscenity laws vigorously enforced. That same 80 percent do not believe the Government is doing its job, and they are right. Between 1992 and 1998, prosecutions for violations of Federal obscenity laws dropped 86 percent. A leading distributor of pornographic videos told TV Guide that the President was, and I quote, on our team. He said,

"It's not that Clinton has been outwardly supportive of the adult industry but rather that he hasn't tried to quash it the way Republicans did back in the 1980s."

Even the public airwaves are not safe anymore. Sexual material on TV was more than three times as frequent in 1999 as it was in 1989. Foul language was more than five times as high. But the FCC has not collected a single fine or forfeiture or refused to renew a license due to broadcast indecency in 15 years.

Our children deserve better protection. The Justice Department and the President need to start enforcing the law on obscenity.

MILLION MOM MARCH

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I spent last Sunday with hundreds of thousands of American moms on the Mall who had come to ask Congress to help protect their families from gun violence. And it was hard. It was hard to listen to mom after mom tell their stories of the loss of their children. But the reason it was hard was not just the heartache. The really hard part for me was to realize that 300 feet away from these hundreds of thousands of moms was the U.S. Capitol building, the place where we are charged to help American families, where this year the U.S. Congress has done nothing, nothing, nothing to help these families be protected from gun violence.

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There is no protection with trigger locks, no closing of the gun show loophole. While this torrent of gun violence sweeps across us, the U.S. Congress does nothing. If this Congress refuses to act, may the heavens have mercy on us, because this November these mothers will not.

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT OF GUN PROPOSALS NEEDED

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to listen to the 1 minutes today, and I was wondering if the previous speaker happened to mention how his vote was on the bill that we had on the floor that actually did require trigger locks, that did close the loopholes at gun shows, and did put a ban on certain kinds of assault weapon clips?

We had that vote. Interestingly, the Democrats voted against it. Why did they vote against it? Because the loophole that was being closed in the gun show was not great enough for them, and it is odd, because it was actually offered by a fellow Democrat.

Now, that motion was something that I think a lot of Members of Congress would support. But, unfortunately, and it pains me, and I hope some of this was conveyed to some of these mothers, that the Democrats fought it. They had a shot at trigger locks, they had it in their hand to ban certain clips, and, of course, to close the loopholes on gun shows, but they voted no.

We might get another chance. I hope this time the Democrats put their rhetoric in front of their politics and put philosophy in front of politics and try to do the right thing.

SENIORS DESERVE CHOICE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG NEEDS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, anyone developing a health plan these days would not think of omitting prescription drugs as a benefit, yet Medicare does. However, despite this lack of coverage in Medicare, fully two-thirds of America's 39 million seniors currently have prescription drug coverage, so any new plan must be voluntary and not force seniors out of their current plans.

Seniors deserve the flexibility to determine what type of drug coverage they want and need. A one-size-fits-all program will not work.

One thing that is crystal clear to me is that seniors should not have to choose between putting food on the table and buying their medicine. A senior's choice should be the plan that best meets their prescription drug needs.

FIXING THE JUNK E-MAIL PROBLEM

(Mr. GARY MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call on this House to pass legislation to fix the unsolicited commercial e-mail problem, referred to as "spam," that is harming the Internet.

Millions of unsolicited commercial e-mails, which contain advertisements for pornography, dubious products or get-rich-quick schemes are clogging up the computers of individuals, business systems and the entire information superhighway.

The receiver pays for e-mail advertisements. Junk e-mail is like postage-due marketing, or a telemarketer calling your cell phone, or receiving a bill at the end of the month for all the junk mail you have received.

The spam problem is increasing because there is an incentive for shady marketers to send as many advertisements as possible. After all, they do not spend more for sending one million