

States, to move them in that direction and to get them to stop the torture and the other repressive measures that they are taking in Kashmir against the Kashmiri people.

Now, I see a way forward but only if we, as the United States, are willing to invest more time and resources to bring these parties together. And I think we have an obligation to do that. I think we have a moral responsibility to do that.

During the war in Afghanistan, the United States armed Pakistan's neighbors and the militants. And then we sort of casually abandoned the region, and that left the region in a state of militarism with enormous amounts of weapons and ammunitions.

Now we have an obligation, it seems to me, to do our part to help establish stability in South Asia. It is in our interest to do so. The threat of nuclear conflict in South Asia is very, very real. We must reduce this threat and halt the arms race in South Asia. And unless Kashmir is addressed, that will not happen. We cannot make progress unless people in the world community are willing to tackle this issue.

The United States has called for democracy to take root in South Asia, but this will not happen on its own and it surely will not happen without a resolution to this very important question.

And by "democracy," I am talking about not only democracy in form but I am talking about supporting democracy through helping Pakistan develop some of those institutions for democratic action, and we have ways to do that here. Instead of withholding support for Pakistan, who has been a great front for this country throughout its history, one of our best allies and best friends, instead of engaging in embargoes, we ought to be financially helping Pakistan move forward.

Because democracy works well when there is an economic component. When you give people a sense of home for their economic life, that works very well with establishing and enhancing the democratic life of a country. Democracy by itself, without any support economically, is going to be a very fragile democracy.

If we turn our attention away from the region, as we did after the war in Afghanistan, we risk further erosion, violence, and disillusionment.

We are, as a country, as a superpower, as a country that is engaged in the Middle East and in Ireland and in Africa and in other places recently, in Latin America, we have a role to play here. And as a long-standing ally of Pakistan as an emerging friend of India, we are in a position to bring people together. And given the stakes in South Asia, punitive economic sanctions, as I said, are clearly counterproductive.

While we have our differences, we must never forget that Pakistan, as I said, has been a long-standing ally of the United States. Democracy will be

strengthened not by economic sanctions but by economic aid and by taking the know-how of our democratic institutions and trying to provide those kinds of expertise and know-how with those who are struggling for an expanded democracy in Pakistan.

So I think everything is in place to make this work. And because of the nuclear potential, the world needs desperately to focus in on this region. And because of the promise that was made to the Kashmiris over 50 years ago, we need to desperately take hold of this issue and focus our attention and try to develop a process by which we can reach some resolve.

People in Kashmir are exhausted from the violence. They are exhausted from the war. They are exhausted from the economic inactivity. We can make a big change in a very important part of the world if we will devote some of our energies, some our good will, some of our resources to making that happen.

So I look forward, as I told the President when I discussed this with him briefly at the White House, I look forward to working with him and our administration and our allies in bringing Pakistan and India together and bringing the Kashmiris into discussions so that both countries can live in peace and the Kashmiris can have the right to express their views and work for a better situation economically and politically and democratically for their people.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of airport delays.

Mr. FATTAH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. TOOMEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and until 4:00 p.m. on June 13 on account of the birth of Bridget Kathleen Toomey.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and June 13 on account of attending a family funeral.

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 Member (at the request of Mr. OLVER) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 121, concurrent resolution, congratulating Representative Stephen S. F. Chen on the occasion of his retirement from the diplomatic service of Taiwan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1953. To authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on land held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria.

H.R. 3639. To designate the Federal building located at 2201 C Street, Northwest, in the District of Columbia, currently headquarters for the Department of State, as the "Harry S Truman Federal Building".

H.R. 2484. To provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at 9 a.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:

8078. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 99-076-2] received May 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8079. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Oversight, transmitting the Office's final rule—Implementation of the Equal Access to Justice Act (RIN: 2550-AA08) received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8080. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—State Energy Program [Docket No. EE-RM-96-402] (RIN: 1904-AB01) received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8081. A letter from the Special Assistant to Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Establishment of a Class A Television Service [MM Docket No. 00-10] received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8082. A letter from the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission,

transmitting the Commission's final rule—DotCom Disclosures About Online Advertising—received May 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8083. 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 Greece [Transmittal No. DTC 013-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8084. A letter from the Chairwoman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Inspector General's Semi-annual Report for the period ending March 31, 2000 and the Semiannual Management Report for the same period; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8085. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Southern and Western Colorado Appropriated Fund Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AI95) received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8086. A letter from the Director, Family-Friendly Workplace Advocacy Office, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Agency Use of Appropriated Funds For Child Care Costs For Lower Income Employees (RIN: 3206-AI93) received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8087. 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 Determination of Threatened Status for the Koala (RIN: 1018-AE43) received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8088. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Concession Contracts (RIN: 1024-AC72) received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8089. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—1999-2000 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations (RIN: 1018-AF52) received May 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8090. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Currently Effective Indian Health Service Eligibility Regulations (RIN: 0917-AA03) received April 18, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8091. 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 Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 000307061-0061-01; I.D. 013100D] (RIN: 0648-AN46) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8092. 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 Catcher Vessels using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 042400A]

received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8093. A letter from the Deputy 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; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 33 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 000407096-0096-01; I.D. 040300C] (RIN: 0648-AN51) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8094. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Refugee Resettlement Program Requirements for Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance—received March 23, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8095. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the draft bill, the "HCFA User Fee Act of 2000"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

8096. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Water Resources Development Act of 2000"; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Commerce, and Resources.

8097. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relating to the management of the Department of Defense and to the transfer of naval vessels to foreign countries; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Government Reform, International Relations, and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

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. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 3995. A bill to establish procedures governing the responsibilities of court-appointed receivers who administer departments, offices, and agencies of the District of Columbia government; with an amendment (Rept. 106-6631). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 4387. A bill to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect upon the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia (Rept. 106-664). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 4504. A bill to make technical amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965; with an amendment (Rept. 106-665). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 4079. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education; with an amendment (Rept. 106-666). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 4022. A bill regarding the sale and transfer of Moskit anti-ship missiles by the Russian Federation; with an amendment

(Rept. 106-667). Referred to the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 4118. A bill to prohibit the rescheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation until the President certifies to the Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased all its operations at, removed all personnel from, and permanently closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba; with an amendment (Rept. 106-668). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MCCOLLUM: Committee on the Judiciary. 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; with an amendment (Rept. 106-669). Referred to the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 523. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 761) to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continuing expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-670). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 524. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-671). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. House Joint Resolution 90. Resolution withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization (Rept. 106-672). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4601. A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 213(c) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt; with an amendment (Rept. 106-673 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. WALSH: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 4635. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-674). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on the Budget discharged. H.R. 4601 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 4601. Referral to the Committee on the Budget extended for a period ending not later than June 12, 2000.