

Now, when we compile the year 2000 figures, this death will not appear there because it is not drug-induced and it does not meet the qualifications. It will be in the 50,000 drug-related deaths cited by our drug czar, unfortunately.

The area that I come from which is, again, a very peaceful, family-oriented part of our Nation, central Florida, continues to be racked by illegal narcotics. While I was home, I had this clipping that I saved dated, again, August 29, where a young life was lost; Drugs Take Life is the headline; friend charged. Sherry Rich, 19, died early Sunday morning of an apparent overdose of ecstasy laced with heroin in an apartment complex in my area.

This is one, September 2, a couple of days later, Apparent ODs At Club Kills Two. Two men died and another was hospitalized from apparent drug overdoses after they visited an Orange County bottle club. This report said they purchased marijuana and some sort of pills, according to the Orange County sheriff's deputy.

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While we hear crack cocaine is now down, even my area continues to be inundated. A recent article says Central Florida's crack cocaine problem is no longer a front-burner issue; it has been replaced in importance by heroin's comeback and the surge of new designer drugs. However, this says that crack continues to be a problem along with these other drugs. That is referring to my area of representation, which is Central Florida, again plagued.

Mr. Speaker, I received a letter from Mel Martinez, the chairman of Orange County, our central legislative body in Orange County, Florida, and he writes to me just a few days ago, "Congressman MICA: Eighty heroin overdose deaths have occurred in the 7-county Central Florida high-intensity drug traffic area in 1999 alone. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement recently released a report prepared by the Medical Examiner's Office indicating 48 heroin overdose deaths occurred in Miami last year, and 42 occurred in Orlando."

Almost every State, every community, every locale, every region of this Nation is facing the same thing.

Tonight we released the statistics that again state that U.S. drug deaths from drug-induced deaths in 1998 exceeded murder for the first time. Again, if we use 1999 murder figures, we are down in the 15,000 range. These continue to drop, while drug deaths continue to rise.

The headlines spell out the story, the threat of Ecstasy reaching cocaine and heroin proportions, and tonight we have outlined some of what is going on with Ecstasy.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to take a moment for my colleagues and others who may be listening to show what Ecstasy does to the brain. Many young people

think it is a harmless drug. Dr. Allen Leschner of the National Institute of Drug Abuse presented a different grasp, but this just shows what happens to the brain. This is the normal brain; this is a brain that has absorbed or been affected by the use of Ecstasy. Basically, it induces a Parkinson's-type affect on the brain, destroying the brain cells, not allowing regeneration of the brain cells.

Not only do we have that, but Ecstasy that is attractively packaged in with all kinds of designer labels, which the U.S. Customs Service provided us, even fancy symbols that are put on of various designer clothing and the cars and things to induce young people to try these drugs. But this is the fancy packaging. These are the results. If we do not think the results are bad enough, again, to destroy the brain, look at the deaths, and many of these, I just read one from my local community, they used Ecstasy and other drugs or alcohol with these drugs, and also, the drug dealers are now cutting Ecstasy across the land with all types of deadly chemicals.

So this is what we end up with, a horrible situation and the destruction of life and limb and also brain. Ecstasy again, reaching cocaine and heroin proportions, and high schoolers report more drug use from June 9, 2000.

Again, the administration would rather probably talk about prescription drugs, and I do not want to demean in any way the importance of that, particularly for our elderly or those who have problems paying for legal narcotics, and I am talking tonight about illegal narcotics. But, in fact, we have a situation that has basically spun out of control. In spite of our good efforts over the past 3 or 4 years by the new majority, we have somehow missed the mark with the administration of the resources that have been provided to this administration. It is sad, again tonight, as I conclude, to report that for the first time in the history of our country, we have deaths by drug-induced means, drug-related deaths exceeding murder across our land.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the patience of the staff who have remained tonight. This is an important topic and should be on the minds of Members of Congress, it should be on our agenda, and it should be important to every American that not another American is lost to illegal narcotics in this country.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness in the family.

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

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KIND, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PASCRELL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. CASTLE, for 5 minutes, September 20.

Mr. PITTS, for 5 minutes, September 20.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, September 20.

Mr. SCHAFFER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

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

S. 2247. An act to establish the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 20, 2000, 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:

10108. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Commander of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (AFB) has conducted a cost comparison to reduce the cost of the Air Force Research Laboratory Support Service functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

10109. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's certification that the system level Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) of the UH-60 Modernization Program aircraft would be unreasonably expensive and impractical, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2366(c)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

10110. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation,

transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Containers [Docket No. NHTSA-98-4807] (RIN: 2127-AH72) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10111. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Arcadia, Gibsland, and Hodge, Louisiana and Wake Village, Texas) [MM Docket No. 99-144; RM-9538; RM-9747; RM-9748] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10112. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Canton and Saranac Lake, New York) [MM Docket No. 99-293; RM-9720; RM-9721] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10113. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Kaycee and Basin, Wyoming) [MM Docket No. 98-87; RM-9278; RM-9608] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10114. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Canton and Morristown, New York) [MM Docket No. 99-362; RM-9730] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10115. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Stamps and Fouke, Arkansas) [MM Docket No. 99-241; RM-9480] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10116. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Commission, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment to Parts 1, 2, 87 and 101 of the Commission's Rules To License Fixed Services at 24 GHz [WT Docket No. 99-327] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10117. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Crime Control Items: Revisions to the Commerce Control List [Docket No. 000822242-0242-01] (RIN: 0694-AC31) received September 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

10118. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List: Additions—received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

10119. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final

rule—Releasing Information; Electronic Freedom of Information Amendment (RIN: 2550-AA09) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

10120. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Activities under the Freedom of Information Act Annual Report on Religious Freedom, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

10121. 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; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 000211039-0039-01; I.D. 08300H] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10122. 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; Atka Mackerel in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 090100A] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10123. 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 by Catcher Vessels using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 082900D] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10124. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Closure and Inseason Adjustments from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain, OR [Docket No. 000501119-01119-01; I.D. 080400C] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10125. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery. Implementation of Conditional Closures [Docket No. 000407096-0096-01; I.D. 082300A] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10126. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Purse Seine Fishery for Bigeye Tuna [Docket No. 991207319-9319-01; I.D. 072700A] received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10127. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, and -200C Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-288-AD; Amendment 39-11878; AD 2000-17-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10128. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-20 0 and -300 Series Airplanes Equipped with a Main Deck Cargo Door Installed in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) SA2969SO [Docket No. 2000-NM-277-AD; Amendment 39-11877; AD 2000-17-51] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10129. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc. RB211 Trent 768-60, Trent 772-60, and Trent 772B-60 Turbofan Engines; Correction [Docket No. 2000-NE-05-AD; Amendment 39-11804; AD 2000-13-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10130. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200, -300, and -300F Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-289-AD; Amendment 39-11879; AD 2000-17-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10131. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Disaster Assistance: Cerro Grande Fire Assistance (RIN: 3067-AD12) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10132. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cash Values for National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) and Veterans Special Life Insurance Term-Capped Policies (RIN: 2900-AJ35) received September 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

10133. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the Department's annual report to Congress on the FY 1999 operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), the administration of the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA), and the Federal Employees' Compensation Act for the period October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999, pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 936(b); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means.

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. 2986. A bill to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington; with an amendment (Rept. 106-864). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 4441. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide a mandatory fuel surcharge for transportation provided by certain motor carriers,