

from drug overdoses and drug-induced deaths than murders or homicides across our land. That, unfortunately, has been repeated in my community in Central Florida, and it is a very serious problem.

One of the things we have heard is that the war on drugs is a failure. It is very important that the American people and the Congress understand that the war on drugs basically was closed down at the beginning of the Clinton administration.

If we look at long-term trends and lifetime prevalence of drug use, we see that during the Reagan administration and Bush administration there was a 50 percent drop in drug abuse. If one in fact looks at that Frontline report that has been published and viewed across the country lately, we hear of all the things that were instituted: the Andean strategy, the stopping drugs at their source, the Vice President's task force, even going after Noriega for drug trafficking and money laundering of drugs in the Bush administration in 1989. Then we see a dramatic decrease in drug use in the country, a 50 percent reduction.

In the Clinton administration, where we have the "just say maybe" policy, where we appoint a chief health officer like Joycelyn Elders as a Surgeon General who says, just say maybe, to our kids, where we abolish the international programs to stop drugs at their source, we have a flood and a huge supply of narcotics. Treatment can never keep up with what we see here and the failure of this administration, and certainly the deaths that we see and the destruction, the devastation.

The other thing is that we do not spend enough money on treatment. That is the line that the Clinton administration used when they took over. Here, we will see the treatment money was being expended and increased under the Bush administration and under the Reagan administration. They also had dramatic programs to deal with the supply, and they cut down the supply.

Here we see treatment spending during the Democrat control, even the Republican control, almost a doubling in treatment over these years. Yet, we see an incredible plague upon our cities.

So we cannot just treat ourselves out of this problem, we have to have a combination of eradication, interdiction, enforcement, education, and also prevention programs that work. Finding the prevention and treatment programs that work is so important. We are spending a lot of money on treatment. We have doubled the amount of money on treatment.

The Clinton administration closed down any semblance of a war on drugs. In hearings that we have held, even today, we found that the \$300 million that this Congress appropriated for Colombia some 2 years ago, getting the resources to Colombia, were in fact bungled. We find even in a \$1 billion

education program we are paying 179 percent over industry standards for placement of ads, and instead of paying a 3½ percent industry average commission, we are paying 14 percent plus, so ads are not going on the public education and information media. An anti-narcotics campaign is not what the Congress intended.

Getting the resources from Colombia, which is the source of 70 percent of the heroin and some 80 percent of the cocaine, has not been done. The project as administered by the administration has been bungled. This is the result we see. We are back to a dramatic increase in the number of drug-induced deaths, some 16,926, exceeding for the first time in the recorded history of the United States the homicides or murders in this country.

So when people tell us that the war on drugs is a failure, the Clinton-Gore close-down of the war on drugs indeed led to failure, led to death and destruction. The statistics are very clear.

But a successful program such as the Reagan-Bush administration, even though it was a tough one, even though it was a zero tolerance, had a 50 percent reduction in illegal narcotics use in this country, and dramatically gave us a different picture than what we see here today.

Finally, in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I was pleased that last Friday was the first time I have heard anyone who assumes to national leadership take the forefront and mention the problem of illegal narcotics. That was Governor Bush from the State of Texas, who I believe was in Iowa and talked about illegal narcotics, brought it up as part of his campaign.

I hope that we have a leader and someone who is willing to provide the direction to provide successful programs, and also to bring this to the attention and provide the national leadership that we so badly need in this area, because for so long it has been swept under the table. For too long it has been ignored by this Congress.

Again, we see the results of this and the tragedy, death, and destruction to our families and our children.

Mr. Speaker, I would mention that we leave with a saddened heart in the loss of our dearly beloved colleague, Mr. Bruce Vento, the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota, and with our deepest sympathy to his family as we now adjourn for the evening.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for September 28 through October 12 on account of family illness.

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. NADLER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 3:30 p.m. on account of official business.

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 3:45 p.m. on account of personal business.

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

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

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILEY, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

A bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

2. 2917. An act to settle the land claims of the Pueblo of Santo Domingo; to the Committee on Resources.

S. Con. Res. 131. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland that led to the creation of the independent trade union Solidarnosc, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

S. Con. Res. 148. Concurrent resolution to provide for the disposition and archiving of the records, files, documents, and other materials of joint congressional committees on inaugural ceremonies; to the Committee on House Administration.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2833. An act to establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area.

H.R. 3676. An act to establish the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California.

H.R. 4063. An act to establish the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4226. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

H.R. 4275. An act to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4285. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites for National Forest System lands in the State of Texas, to convey

certain National Forest System land to the New Waverly Gulf Coast Trades Center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4613. An act to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purposes of establishing a national historical lighthouse preservation program.

H.R. 5362. An act to increase the amount of fees charged to employers who are petitioners for the employment of H-1B non-immigrant workers, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1236. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho.

S. 1849. An act to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, October 16, 2000, at 2 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10553. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Report on the Performance of Department of Defense Commercial Activities," pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

10554. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund For Fiscal Years 1998-1999; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10555. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nuclear Safety Management (RIN: 1901-AA34) received October 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10556. 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—Energy Code for New Federal Commercial and Multi-Family High Rise Residential Buildings [Docket No. EE-RM-79-112-C] (RIN: 1904-AA69) received October 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10557. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 20-00 which constitutes a Request for Final Approval for the Amendment to the Project Arrangement (PA) on Space Based Surveillance System Concept Studies, Experiments and Trials, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

10558. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmit-

ting the Strategic Plan in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; to the Committee on Government Reform.

10559. A letter from the Acting Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Commercial Activities Inventory Report Year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

10560. 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; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Black-Footed Ferrets in North-Central South Dakota (RIN: 1018-AG26) received October 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10561. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of the Primary Season and Resumption of Trip Limits for the Shore-based Fishery for Pacific Whiting [Docket No. 99122347-9347-01; I.D. 090700A] received October 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10562. 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; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; 2000 Specifications Adjustment [Docket No. 991228354-0078-02; I.D. 100300A] (RIN: 0648-AM49) received October 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10563. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for New Jersey [Docket No. 000119014-0137-02; I.D. 100200C] received October 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10564. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Checklist for Section 1503(d) Closing Agreement Request [Rev. Proc. 2000-42] received October 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of the rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GEKAS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1924. A bill to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and relitigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial courts; with an amendment (Rept. 106-976). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Addressing Needs and Improving Practices (Rept. 106-977). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 3011. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the disclosure of information concerning telephone charges,

and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-978). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GREENWOOD:

H.R. 5455. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage investment in small companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAMPSON (for himself, Mr.

OSE, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. REYES, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. WU, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. LEE, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. LARSON, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SPRATT, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. GILMAN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. KIND, Mr. BALDACC, Mr. WYNN, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. EVANS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BERRY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. DUNN, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. FORD, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CLEMENT, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. PEASE, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. FOWLER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. DOGGETT):

H.R. 5456. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to give district courts of the United States jurisdiction over competing State custody determinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mrs. WILSON, and Mr. HUNTER):

H.R. 5457. A bill to provide for the interconnection of distributed generation facilities with local electric distribution systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BILBRAY:

H.R. 5458. A bill to authorize the investor-owned electric utilities in California to purchase electric power directly from the Bonneville Power Administration at specified