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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISSA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 19, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DARRELL E. ISSA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Campbell Gillon, Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, before Whom civilizations rise and pass away, we bow before Thee. We are creatures of a day, our lives divinely touched into being; endowed with insight as well as sight, conscience as well as cleverness, spiritual responsiveness as well as physical reflexes. In Thee we exist. Forgive us if in the past, we have denied the "better angels" of our nature, thus denying divine guidance and help.

In the light of the recent act of aggression against this Nation, horror, shock, grief, fear, revenge, and anger struggle within people's hearts. We sorrow at the loss of life, the families shattered, the injuries sustained, and the horrendous images that rescuers and rescued will forever retain. We commend all such to the care of the One who alone is the help of the helpless, the healer of the heartbroken, the strengthener of those bowed down.

Wherever the way forward lies, lead the Representatives of this great Nation by eternal beacons of justice, truth, understanding, and righteous-

ness, to deal firmly with evil and fairly for a conclusion with honor. For such a task, bless the President, his Cabinet, this House, its leaders, Representatives, staffers, advisors, and all who act for the Nation here. As their days, so may their strength be.

Bless them with vision informed by wisdom; wisdom instructed by truth; truth revealed in integrity, and integrity touched by love; all learned in humility before thee, O God, whose children we are called to be.

This we ask in Thy spirit. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ISSA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2500. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to

the bill (H.R. 2500) "An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. BYRD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. COCHRAN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ARMEY) at 7 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2586, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of

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Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, and that consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order:

The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with.

All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived.

No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those that I have placed at the desk and amendments en bloc described in this request.

Except as specified in this request, each such amendment shall be considered only in the order that I have placed at the desk and may be offered only by a Member designated on the amendment or a designee. Each such amendment shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amendment).

All points of order against such amendments are waived.

It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendment. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this request shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported). Debate on each en bloc amendment shall be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees. For the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment

included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of any amendment out of the order that I have placed at the desk, but not sooner than 1 hour after the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect.

After disposition of such amendments, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion; and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

And further, that the amendments that I have placed at the desk be considered as read for purposes of this request.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the order of amendments.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. HALL of Ohio, page 43, after line 9.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title II (page 43, after line 9), insert the following new subtitle:

Subtitle E—Air Force Science and Technology for the 21st Century

SEC. 251. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Air Force Science and Technology for the 21st Century Act".

SEC. 252. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Air Force should carry out each of the following:

(1) Continue and improve efforts to ensure that—

(A) the Air Force science and technology community is represented, and the recommendations of that community are considered, at all levels of program planning and budgetary decisionmaking within the Air Force;

(B) advocacy for science and technology development is institutionalized across all levels of Air Force management in a manner that is not dependent on individuals; and

(C) the value of Air Force science and technology development is made increasingly apparent to the warfighters, by linking the needs of those warfighters with decisions on science and technology development.

(2) Complete and adopt a policy directive that provides for changes in how the Air Force makes budgetary and nonbudgetary decisions with respect to its science and technology development programs and how it carries out those programs.

(3) At least once every five years, conduct a review of the long-term challenges and short-term objectives of the Air Force science and technology programs that is consistent with the review specified in section 252 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by Public Law 106-398; 114 Stat. 1654A-46).

(4) Ensure that development and science and technology planning and investment activities are carried out for future space warfighting systems and for future nonspace

warfighting systems in an integrated manner.

(5) Elevate the position within the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force that has primary responsibility for budget and policy decisions for science and technology programs.

(b) REINSTATEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force shall reinstate and implement a revised development planning process that provides for each of the following:

(A) Coordinating the needs of Air Force warfighters with decisions on science and technology development.

(B) Giving input into the establishment of priorities among science and technology programs.

(C) Analyzing Air Force capability options for the allocation of Air Force resources.

(D) Developing concepts for technology, warfighting systems, and operations with which the Air Force can achieve its critical future goals.

(E) Evaluating concepts for systems and operations that leverage technology across Air Force organizational boundaries.

(F) Ensuring that a "system-of-systems" approach is used in carrying out the various Air Force capability planning exercises.

(G) Utilizing existing analysis capabilities within the Air Force product centers in a collaborative and integrated manner.

(2) Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the planning process required by paragraph (1). The report shall include the annual amount that the Secretary considers necessary to carry out paragraph (1).

SEC. 253. STUDY AND REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF AIR FORCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CHANGES.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Air Force, in cooperation with the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, shall carry out a study to determine how the changes to the Air Force science and technology program implemented during the past two years affect the future capabilities of the Air Force.

(b) MATTERS STUDIED.—(1) The study shall independently review and assess whether such changes as a whole are sufficient to ensure the following:

(A) That the concerns about the management of the science and technology program that have been raised by the Congress, the Defense Science Board, the Air Force Science Advisory Board, and the Air Force Association have been adequately addressed.

(B) That appropriate and sufficient technology is available to ensure the military superiority of the United States and counter future high-risk threats.

(C) That the science and technology investments are balanced to meet the near-, mid-, and long-term needs of the Air Force.

(D) That technologies are made available that can be used to respond flexibly and quickly to a wide range of future threats.

(E) That the Air Force organizational structure provides for a sufficiently senior level advocate of science and technology to ensure an ongoing, effective presence of the science and technology community during the budget and planning process.

(2) In addition, the study shall independently assess the specific changes to the Air Force science and technology program as follows:

(A) Whether the biannual science and technology summits provide sufficient visibility into, and understanding and appreciation of, the value of the science and technology program to the senior level of Air Force budget and policy decisionmakers.

(B) Whether the applied technology councils are effective in contributing the input of

all levels beneath the senior leadership into the coordination, focus, and content of the science and technology program.

(C) Whether the designation of the commander of the Air Force Materiel Command as the science and technology budget advocate is effective to assure that an adequate budget top line is set.

(D) Whether the revised development planning process is effective to aid in the coordination of the needs of the Air Force warfighters with decisions on science and technology investments and the establishment of priorities among different science and technology programs.

(E) Whether the implementation of section 252 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by Public Law 106-398; 114 Stat. 1654A-46) is effective to identify the basis for the appropriate science and technology program top line and investment portfolio.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date on which the study required by subsection (a) is completed, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress the results of the study.

(d) FUNDING.—Of the amount made available pursuant to section 201(3) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Air Force, \$950,000 shall be available only to carry out this section.

Mr. OSE, page 64, beginning line 20.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

In section 341, relating to assistance to local educational agencies that benefit dependents of members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense civilian employees (page 64, beginning line 20), strike subsections (a) and (b) and insert the following new subsections:

(a) CONTINUATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated pursuant to section 301(5) for operation and maintenance for Defense-wide activities—

(1) \$30,000,000 shall be available only for the purpose of providing educational agencies assistance to local educational agencies; and

(2) \$1,000,000 shall be available only for the purpose of making payments to local educational agencies to assist such agencies in adjusting to reductions in the number of military dependent students as a result of the closure or realignment of military installations, as provided in section 386(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102-484; 20 U.S.C. 7703 note).

(b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than June 30, 2002, the Secretary of Defense shall notify each local educational agency that is eligible for assistance or a payment under subsection (a) for fiscal year 2002 of—

(1) that agency's eligibility for the assistance or payment; and

(2) the amount of the assistance or payment for which that agency is eligible.

Mr. BEREUTER, page 115, after line 18.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title V (page 115, after line 18), insert the following new section:

SEC. 520. PREPARATION FOR, PARTICIPATION IN, AND CONDUCT OF ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS BY THE NATIONAL GUARD AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

(a) ATHLETIC AND SMALL ARMS COMPETITIONS.—Section 504 of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) CONDUCT OF AND PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN COMPETITIONS.—(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense,

members and units of the National Guard may conduct and compete in a qualifying athletic competition or a small arms competition so long as—

“(A) the conduct of, or participation in, the competition does not adversely affect the quality of training or otherwise interfere with the ability of a member or unit of the National Guard to perform the military functions of the member or unit;

“(B) National Guard personnel will enhance their military skills as a result of conducting or participating in the competition; and

“(C) the conduct of or participation in the competition will not result in a significant increase in National Guard costs.

“(2) Facilities and equipment of the National Guard, including military property and vehicles described in section 508(c) of this title, may be used in connection with the conduct of or participation in a qualifying athletic competition or a small arms competition under paragraph (1).”

(b) OTHER MATTERS.—Such section is further amended by adding after subsection (c), as added by subsection (a) of this section, the following new subsections:

“(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and such limitations as may be enacted in appropriations Acts and such regulations as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe, amounts appropriated for the National Guard may be used to cover—

“(A) the costs of conducting or participating in a qualifying athletic competition or a small arms competition under subsection (c); and

“(B) the expenses of members of the National Guard under subsection (a)(3), including expenses of attendance and participation fees, travel, per diem, clothing, equipment, and related expenses.

“(2) Not more than \$2,500,000 may be obligated or expended in any fiscal year under subsection (c).

“(e) QUALIFYING ATHLETIC COMPETITION DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘qualifying athletic competition’ means a competition in athletic events that require skills relevant to military duties or involve aspects of physical fitness that are evaluated by the armed forces in determining whether a member of the National Guard is fit for military duty.”

(c) STYLISTIC AMENDMENTS.—Such section is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—” after “(a)”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “AUTHORIZED LOCATIONS.—” after “(b)”.

(d) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) Subsection (a) of such section is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and” after the semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or” and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking paragraph (3).

(2) The heading of such section is amended to read as follows:

“§ 504. National Guard schools; small arms competitions; athletic competitions”.

(3) The item relating to section 504 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 5 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“504. National Guard schools; small arms competitions; athletic competitions.”

Mr. UNDERWOOD, page 166, after line 5.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of section 552 (page 166, after line 5), insert the following new subsection:

(f) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “State” includes the District of Colum-

bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

Mr. GILCHREST, page 187, after line 12.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title V (page 187, after line 12), insert the following new section:

SEC. . . . REPORT ON HEALTH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR PRE-ACCESSION TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a review of the health and disability benefit programs available to recruits and officer candidates engaged in training, education, or other types of programs while not yet on active duty and to cadets and midshipmen attending the service academies. The review shall be conducted with the participation of the Secretaries of the military departments.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2002, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the review. The report shall include the following with respect to persons described in subsection (a):

(1) A statement of the process and detailed procedures followed by each of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department to provide health care and disability benefits to all such persons injured in training, education, or other types of programs conducted by the Secretary of a military department.

(2) Information on the number of total cases of such persons requiring health care and disability benefits and the total number of cases and average value of health care and disability benefits provided under the authority for each source of benefits available to those persons.

(3) A discussion of the issues regarding health and disability benefits for such persons that are encountered by the Secretary during the review, to include discussions with individuals who have received those benefits.

(4) A discussion of the necessity for legislative changes and specific legislative proposals needed to improve the benefits provided those persons.

Mr. STRICKLAND, page 187, after line 12.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title V (page 187, after line 12), insert the following new section:

SEC. . . . REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AS A CIVILIAN UNIFORM FOR CIVILIANS PARTICIPATING IN FUNERAL HONOR DETAILS FOR VETERANS UPON SHOWING OF FINANCIAL NEED.

Section 1491(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” before “To provide”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2)(A) Upon a showing of financial need and subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary of a military department shall provide articles of clothing described in subparagraph (C) to an organization referred to in subsection (b)(2) or to members of such an organization who participate in funeral honors details. Any such showing of financial need shall be made in such manner as the Secretary may require.

“(B) The Secretary concerned may provide articles of clothing to an organization (or members of an organization) under this paragraph only if the Secretary determines that participation of that organization or its

members in the funeral honors mission is advantageous to the performance of that mission and meets the performance standards set by the Secretary for that mission.

“(C) Articles of clothing covered by subparagraph (A) are articles of clothing determined by the Secretary concerned to be appropriate as a civilian uniform for persons participating in a funeral honors detail who are not authorized to wear the uniform of any of the armed forces.”.

Mr. MANZULLO, page 248, after line 9.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VIII (page 248, after line 9), insert the following new section:

SEC. 8. INCREASE OF ASSISTANCE LIMITATION REGARDING PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Section 2414(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “\$300,000” and inserting “\$600,000”.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, page 248, after line 9.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VIII (page 248, after line 9), insert the following new section:

SEC. 8. STUDY OF CONTRACT CONSOLIDATIONS.

The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Comptroller General of the United States, shall develop a database to track contract consolidations which consolidate 2 or more contracts previously awarded by the Department of Defense to small business concerns. The database shall contain, at a minimum, the names and addresses of the businesses to which the contracts that were consolidated were previously awarded, the rationale for consolidating the contracts, and the monetary benefit projected to be realized by the contract consolidation. Not later than December 1st of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report regarding the information contained in such database to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

Mr. LANTOS, page 281, beginning line 6.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Strike section 1044 (page 281 beginning line 6), relating to a sense of the Congress regarding Kwajalein Atoll.

Mr. SPRATT, page 307, after line 20.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. 10. LEASING OF NAVY SHIPS FOR UNIVERSITY NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC LABORATORY SYSTEM.

Subsection (g) of section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a renewal or extension of a lease by the Secretary of the Navy with a selected institution for operation of a ship within the University National Oceanographic Laboratory System if, under the lease, each of the following applies:

“(A) Use of the ship is restricted to federally supported research programs and to non-Federal uses under specific conditions with approval by the Secretary of the Navy.

“(B) Because of the anticipated value to the Navy of the oceanographic research and training that will result from the ship's operation, no monetary lease payments are required from the lessee under the initial lease or under any renewal or extension.

“(C) The lessee is required to maintain the ship in a good state of repair, readiness, and efficient operating condition, conform to all applicable regulatory requirements, and assume full responsibility for the safety of the ship, its crew, and scientific personnel aboard.”.

Mr. STEARNS, No. 46, page 307, after line 20. The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FUEL EFFICIENCY REFORMS IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Federal Government is the largest single energy user in the United States, and the Department of Defense is the largest energy user among all Federal agencies.

(2) The Department of Defense consumed 595,000,000,000 BTUs of petroleum in fiscal year 1999, while all other Federal agencies combined consumed 56,000,000,000 BTUs of petroleum.

(3) The total cost of petroleum to the Department of Defense amounted to \$3,600,000,000 in fiscal year 2000.

(4) Increased fuel efficiency would reduce the cost of delivering fuel to military units during operations and training and allow a corresponding percentage of defense dollars to be reallocated to logistic shortages and other readiness needs.

(5) Increased fuel efficiency would decrease the time needed to assemble military units, would increase unit flexibility, and would allow units to remain in the field for a longer period of time.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should work to implement fuel efficiency reforms, as recommended by the Defense Science Board report, which allow for investment decisions based on the true cost of delivered fuel, strengthen the linkage between warfighting capability and fuel logistics requirements, provide high-level leadership encouraging fuel efficiency, target fuel efficiency improvements through science and technology investment, and include fuel efficiency in requirements and acquisition processes.

Mr. STEARNS, No. 50, page 307, after line 20. The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING CONTINUED UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO RESTORING LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE MEMORIAL, MARNES LA-COGUETTE, FRANCE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Lafayette Escadrille, an aviation squadron within the French Lafayette Flying Corps, was formed April 16, 1916.

(2) The Lafayette Escadrille consisted of aviators from the United States who volunteered to fight for the people of France during World War I.

(3) 265 volunteers from the United States served in the Lafayette Flying Corps, completing 3,000 combat sorties and amassing nearly 200 victories.

(4) The Lafayette Escadrille won 4 Legions of Honor, 7 Medailles Militaires, and 31 citations, each with a Croix de Guerre.

(5) In 1918, command of the Lafayette Escadrille was transferred to the United States, where the Lafayette Escadrille became the combat air force of the United States.

(6) In 1921, a Franco-American committee was organized to locate a final resting place

for the 68 United States aviators who lost their lives flying for France during World War I.

(7) The Lafayette Escadrille Memorial was dedicated on July 4, 1928, in honor of all United States aviators who flew for France during World War I.

(8) The Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Foundation, located in the United States and in France, was founded by Nelson Cromwell in 1930 and endowed with a \$1,500,000 trust for the maintenance and upkeep of the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial.

(9) Environmental conditions have contributed to structural damage to, and the overall degradation of, the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial, preventing the holding of memorial services inside the crypt.

(10) The French Government has pledged funds to support a restoration of the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial.

(11) The Lafayette Escadrille Memorial should be restored to its original beauty to honor all the United States aviators who flew for France during World War I and to demonstrate the respect of the United States for the sacrifices made by all Americans who have served our Nation and our allies.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should continue to honor its commitment to the United States aviators who lost their lives flying for France during World War I by appropriating sufficient funds to restore the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Marnes La-Coguette, France.

Mrs. TAUSCHER, page 307, after line 20.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. 10. PLAN FOR SECURING RUSSIA'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS, MATERIAL, AND EXPERTISE.

(a) PLAN FOR NONPROLIFERATION PROGRAMS WITH RUSSIA.—Not later than June 15, 2002, the President shall submit to Congress a plan—

(1) for cooperation with Russia on disposition as soon as practicable of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear material in Russia that Russia does not retain in its nuclear arsenal; and

(2) to prevent the outflow from Russia of scientific expertise that could be used for developing nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction, including delivery systems.

(b) CONTENT OF PLAN.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Specific goals and measurable objectives for the programs that are designed to carry out the objectives specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).

(2) Criteria for success for those programs and a strategy for eventual termination of United States contributions to those programs and assumption of the ongoing support of those programs by Russia.

(3) A description of any administrative and organizational changes necessary to improve the coordination and effectiveness of the programs to be implemented under the plan.

(4) An estimate of the cost of carrying out those programs.

(c) CONSULTATION WITH RUSSIA.—In developing the plan required by subsection (a), the President shall consult with Russia regarding the practicality of various options.

(d) CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS.—In developing the plan required by subsection (a), the President shall consult with the majority and minority leadership of the appropriate committees of Congress.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, No. 70, page 307, after line 20.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. 1048. TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF ADVISORY PANEL TO ASSESS DOMESTIC RESPONSE CAPABILITIES FOR TERRORISM INVOLVING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

Section 1405 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (50 U.S.C. 2301 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (h)(2), by striking “2001” and inserting “2003”; and

(2) in subsection (l), by striking “three years” and inserting “five years”.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, No. 78, page 307, after line 20.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. 1048. ACTION TO PROMOTE NATIONAL DEFENSE FEATURES PROGRAM.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The National Defense Features program, which is funded from the National Defense Sealift Fund established by section 2218 of title 10, United States Code, is a constituent element of the defense policy of the United States intended to provide essential sealift capacity in emergencies, strengthen the national shipbuilding base, and maintain a resource of highly trained merchant seamen.

(2) Implementation of the National Defense Features program would provide significant benefits both for the United States and for allied nations during military contingencies.

(3) For the United States and nations allied with the United States to realize these benefits, it is essential that vessels built under that program enjoy commercial opportunities in peacetime on trade routes between the United States and allied nations and that those vessels not be excluded from such opportunities through restrictive trade practices.

(4) The failure of vessels built, or to be built, under the National Defense Features program to obtain employment as common carriers or contract carriers in the particular sector of any trade route in the foreign commerce of the United States for which they are designed to operate, together with long-term domination of that sector of the trade route by citizens of an allied nation, evidences the existence of restrictive trade practices.

(b) ACTION TO PROMOTE PROGRAM.—In any case in which the Secretary of Defense finds the existence of the conditions determined by subsection (a)(4) to prove the existence of restrictive trade practices, the Secretary shall certify the case to the Federal Maritime Commission, which thereupon, in consultation with the Secretary, shall take action to counteract such practices, utilizing all remedies available under section 10002(e)(1) of the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (46 U.S.C. App. 1710a).

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, No. 81, page 307, after line 20.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. ____ . DESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN HONOR OF FLOYD D. SPENCE, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NEED TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM.

(a) DESIGNATION.—Section 33(b)(2)(A) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(b)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “AND DESIGNATION” after “ESTABLISHMENT”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The program of firefighter assistance administered by the Office shall be known as the ‘Floyd D. Spence Memorial Domestic Defenders Initiative’.”

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The firefighters assistance grant program authorized by section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229) is recognized as having served as an effective device in Congress’ ongoing effort to address the needs of America’s fire service, and it is the sense of Congress that the program should be reauthorized for fiscal year 2003 and subsequent fiscal years at a higher level of funding.

Mr. EHRLICH, page 133, after line 15.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title XII (page 331, after line 15), insert the following new section:

SEC. 12 ____ . AUTHORITY FOR EMPLOYEES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS TO ACCOMPANY CHEMICAL WEAPONS INSPECTION TEAMS AT GOVERNMENT-OWNED FACILITIES.

(a) AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS.—Section 303 of the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998 (as contained in Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-873; 22 U.S.C. 6723) is amended in subsection (b)(2) by inserting “(and in the case of inspection of Federal Government-owned facilities, such designation may include employees of a contractor with the Federal Government)” after “Federal Government”.

(b) PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTIONS.—Section 304 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 6724) is amended in subsection (c) by inserting “or contractor with the Federal Government” after “Federal Government”.

Mr. KIRK, page 394, after line 20.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XXVIII (page 394, after line 20), insert the following new section:

SEC. ____ . USE OF BUILDINGS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND RESERVE COMPONENT FACILITIES AS POLLING PLACES.

(a) USE OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AUTHORIZED.—Section 2670 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) USE AS POLLING PLACES.—(1) Notwithstanding chapter 29 of title 18 (including sections 592 and 593 of such title), the Secretary of a military department may make a building located on a military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary available for use as a polling place in any Federal, State, or local election for public office.

“(2) Once a military installation is made available as the site of a polling place with respect to a Federal, State, or local election for public office, the Secretary shall continue to make the site available for subsequent elections for public office unless the Secretary provides to Congress advance notice in a reasonable and timely manner of the reasons why the site will no longer be made available as a polling place.

“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘military installation’ has the meaning given the term in section 2687(e) of this title.”

(b) USE OF RESERVE COMPONENT FACILITIES.—(1) Section 18235 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) Pursuant to a lease or other agreement under subsection (a)(2), the Secretary may make a facility covered by subsection (a) available for use as a polling place in any Federal, State, or local election for public office notwithstanding chapter 29 of title 18 (including sections 592 and 593 of such title). Once a facility is made available as the site

of a polling place with respect to an election for public office, the Secretary shall continue to make the facility available for subsequent elections for public office unless the Secretary provides to Congress advance notice in a reasonable and timely manner of the reasons why the facility will no longer be made available as a polling place.”

(2) Section 18236 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) Pursuant to a lease or other agreement under subsection (c)(1), a State may make a facility covered by subsection (c) available for use as a polling place in any Federal, State, or local election for public office notwithstanding chapter 29 of title 18 (including sections 592 and 593 of such title).”

(c) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) section 2670 of such title is further amended—

(A) by striking “Under” and inserting “(a) USE BY RED CROSS.—Under”; and

(B) by striking “this section” and inserting “this subsection”.

(2) The heading of such section is amended to read as follows:

“§2670. Buildings on military installations: use by American National Red Cross and as polling places”.

(3) The item relating to such section in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 159 of such title is amended to read as follows:

“2670. Buildings on military installations: use by American National Red Cross and as polling places.”

Mr. BOYD, page 414, after line 7.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of part III of subtitle D of title XXVIII (page 414, after line 7), insert the following new section:

SEC. 285 ____ . LAND CONVEYANCE, DEFENSE FUEL SUPPORT POINT, FLORIDA.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Air Force may convey, without consideration, to Florida State University, all right, title and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property known as “Defense Fuel Support Point”, including any improvements thereon, located in Lynn Haven, Florida, and consisting of approximately 200 acres for the purpose of establishing a National Coastal Research Center.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary. The cost of the survey shall be borne by the Secretary.

(c) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

Mr. FARR of California, page 427, after line 7.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title XXVIII (page 427, after line 7), insert the following new section:

SEC. 2866. ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE, SECURITY, POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND UTILITY SERVICES FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

Section 816(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (Public Law 103-337; 108 Stat. 2820), as added by section 2873 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261; 112 Stat. 2225), is amended by inserting before the period at

the end the following: “, with regard to fire-fighting and police services, and September 30, 2003, with regard to other services described in under subsection (a)”.

Mrs. KELLY, page 427, after line 7.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title XXVIII (page 427, after line 7), insert the following new section:

SEC. 2866. REPORT ON OPTIONS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN COMMUNITY ADJACENT TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, NEW YORK.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2002, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to Congress a report evaluating various options by which the Secretary may promote economic development in the Village of Highland Falls, New York, which is located adjacent to the United States Military Academy.

(b) SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN OPTIONS.—Among the options evaluated under subsection (a), the Secretary shall specifically address the following:

(1) The fee simple conveyance of real property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary in the Town of Highlands, New York, to the Village, without consideration, for the purpose of permitting the Village to use the property to promote economic development.

(2) Use by the Secretary of the authority under section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, to make non-excess real property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary available to the Village for such purpose.

Mr. LEWIS of California, page 427, after line 7.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title XXVIII (page 427, after line 7), insert the following new section:

SEC. 2866. CONVEYANCE OF AVIGATION EASEMENTS, FORMER NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.

The Administrator of General Services shall convey, without consideration, to the Inland Valley Development Agency (the redevelopment authority for former Norton Air Force Base, California) two avigation easements (identified as APN 289-231-08 and APN 289-232-08) held by the United States.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is it our intent to proceed with consideration of the defense authorization bill. During that time we will be considering 21 amendments. It is our hope that we will be completed at around 5:30 because, as you know, the Speaker of the House and the Senate majority leader extended an invitation to the President of the United States and he will be addressing us here at 9 o'clock tomorrow evening. I just wanted to take this time to explain exactly what it is we are doing.

PERMISSION TO ENTERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to entertain a motion to suspend the rules relating to the following measures on the legislative day

of Thursday, September 20, 2001: H.R. 1900, H.R. 2657, and H.R. 2061.

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

There was no objection.

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS—ADDRESS TO THE NATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 231) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 231

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, September 20, 2001, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that the practice of reserving seats prior to the joint session by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 19, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 19, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a semi-annual report concerning telecommunications services to Cuba under the LIBERTAD Act P.L. 104-114.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, L,

Clerk of the House.

PERIODIC REPORT CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO CUBA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), I transmit herewith a semi-annual report detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 19, 2001.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 19, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 19, 2001 at 3:59 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, L,

Clerk of the House.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-121)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 19, 2001.