

scheduled House Joint Resolution 96, the Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment; and H.R. 4019, the Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2002. The Speaker also advises me that he expects to be ready to name conferees for both the Bipartisan Trade Promotional Authority Act and the Securing America's Future Energy Act. So we anticipate scheduling these motions to go to conference next week as well.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would like to ask the distinguished gentleman if he could be more precise about which day the marriage penalty legislation will come to the floor.

Mr. BLUNT. It is anticipated right now that the Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act will come to the floor on Thursday, and the motions to go to conference on energy and trade are likely to happen on Wednesday, as will the tax limitation amendment.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, do we know when the prescription drug bill might be scheduled?

Mr. BLUNT. As the gentlewoman knows, we are considering this an important priority. The chairmen of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce and Energy are working hard to get this to the floor as soon as possible. We do not anticipate that will happen next week; but hopefully, it will happen soon after that.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman think it will happen before the July 4 break?

Mr. BLUNT. I am hopeful that it will happen before the July 4 break.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, can the gentleman shed some light on when some of the appropriations bills will be scheduled?

Mr. BLUNT. Well, the gentlewoman and her colleagues are going to be working hard on appropriations. We need to get those bills to the floor. We do not have any ready to schedule yet, but we are eager to do that; and since we passed the President's requested wartime supplemental, we hope the full energies of the Committee on Appropriations now turn to getting bills to the floor and hope that happens very quickly.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the information.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 11, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 10, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

NINTH BIENNIAL REPORT OF
INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RE-
SEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE TO
THE CONGRESS—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, referred to the Committee on Science:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C. 4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Ninth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 2000, to January 31, 2002).

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 6, 2002.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
HONORING PENNSYLVANIA NA-
TIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in preparation of my introducing a resolution honoring the Pennsylvania National Guard.

All of us know the work of our National Guard components in our various States, but I did want to take extra time to point out some of the special duties that have been performed by the Pennsylvania National Guard, the largest in the Nation, by the way, and the Air National Guard in Pennsylvania, which is the fourth largest in the United States.

In very short time now, 2000 members of the guard will be positioned to move to Europe to assist in the NATO facilities in the various roles they have to play in that part of the world. Now, this is to say that that is just one duty.

They are also involved on the northern border of the Canadian border in NORAD, and many domestic sites. And in Afghanistan, the Air National Guard has performed various tasks that are very important to the entire effort in the war against terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I close with asking others to join with me in the resolution honoring the Pennsylvania National Guard.

HOUSE PASSES BILL PERMA-
NENTLY ELIMINATING DEATH
TAX

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that we did the work of the American people today. Americans believe that it is time to permanently eliminate the death tax, and this body took that confident step, they took that confident step today for the great benefit of the American people.

I can say this with great confidence since I spoke with many small businesses back in the great State of Nevada during the past week. Each business owner I talked to, such as those of Click Bond in Carson City, Nevada, stated they would have had to close or sell their business should anything have happened to them individually and the death tax had been reinstated. They praised Congress for passing last year's tax relief bill and pleaded we make the death tax elimination permanent so they can pass on to future generations their businesses and their farms.

Mr. Speaker, our permanently eliminating the death tax was the fair and right thing to do. No Nevadan, no American should have to mourn the loss of a family business and a loved one at the same time. I applaud my colleagues for doing what was right for the American people.

MAST ACADEMY REPRESENTS
FLORIDA IN COMPETITION

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, students from MAST Academy, a high school in my Congressional district, recently represented Florida proudly in the national "We the People, the Citizen and the Constitution" competition.

For the first time ever, due to hard work and diligent preparation, MAST Academy competed against 50 schools from every State in the Union.

I warmly congratulate the following students: Bianca Badia, Tanaz Berahman, Lisette Cabezas, Ama Campbell, Angela Casale, Christopher Cruz, Maria Cullen, Melissa Estape, Myriam Ferzli, Tina Fregeolle, James Gawley, Maria Guerrero, Jackie Lee,

Kathryn Magil, Yanique McGregor, William Mitchell, Melissa Montanez, Katherine Powell, Crystal Prince, Lauren Smith, Julian Strolen, Chayenne Thomas, Joelle Urrutia, Francisco Vasquez, and Corey West.

With the help and guidance of their teacher, Tanya Hanson, these young students demonstrated vast knowledge and understanding of our U.S. history as well as the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in commending these fine students and their excellent teacher for an outstanding achievement.

IN SUPPORT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

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

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of an exciting new technology. Local television broadcasters across the country are undertaking their biggest advancement in years: The transition to digital television. Digital TV opens the doors to new possibilities, like High Definition TV, interactive television, and expanded programming options.

In my district, we are already served by several stations transmitting a digital signal. I am proud of my hometown broadcasters, like WXII, which is owned by Hearst-Argyle. These stations are leading the charge into the digital future.

These TV stations are small businesses, like others. They have made substantial investments in new transmitting facilities, new production equipment, and, in some cases, new broadcast towers. Collectively, the industry has invested over \$1 billion in this new technology.

While local broadcasters are doing their part to propel the digital television transition forward, we have yet to see all the pieces of this come together in place. I believe the transition will accelerate once cable companies begin to carry digital signals. Seventy percent of U.S. households receive their TV through cable. We need that signal as digital.

I hope that Congress can work with these differing groups, broadcasters and cable operators and other interested parties, on the remaining issues. Until then, however, I remain fully confident that the future of television is digital, and I believe the future is bright.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is June 6, 2002, and 58 years ago on this day, as President Reagan said nearly 20 years

ago, we mark a day in history when allied peoples joined in battle to reclaim a continent to liberty.

As President Reagan said, for 4 long years much of Europe had been caught up under a terrible shadow. Free nations had fallen, Jews cried out in the camps, millions cried for liberation, and America and her allies responded.

225 Rangers came ashore at Pointe de Hoc, Normandy, along with thousands of others. As President Reagan would say, that day in 1984, the men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or the next. It was the deep knowledge, and I pray God we have not lost it, of the profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest.

Let us, on this 58th anniversary, never forget the courage, the inspiration, and the faith of the boys and the men of Pointe du Hoc, Normandy.

PRAY FOR MARTIN AND GRACIA BURNHAM

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 376th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been held captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines. It has been over a year now.

This July 31, the U.S. military 6-month advisory mission in the Philippines expires, yet many of us are requesting of the administration that our troops stay beyond the current deadline. There was some concern, when our troops first arrived in the Philippines 5 months ago, they would not be well received. When Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz visited the Philippines last week, he found they were very receptive in the Philippines, and that even a Muslim governor in the southern Philippines wanted an increased role for our U.S. military.

Our special forces commanders feel like their job is not done. We have strategic interests and a common goal of getting rid of terrorism, so we must stay. Terrorism will not stop without their help.

And then there are the Burnhams still being held hostage. How can we walk away from two of our citizens being held captive by Muslim terrorists? Mr. Speaker, I believe we know where the Burnhams are. I believe if we have the political will, we can bring them home safely. I ask the President to not walk away from Martin and Gracia Burnham.

As always, I ask my colleagues to join me in prayer for Martin and Gracia and their loved ones so this nightmare may soon be over.

IN HONOR OF AMANDA KAY EDWARDS

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

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Amanda K. Edwards. I rise today to honor her life as a constituent and as a friend of mine.

Ms. Amanda K. Edwards passed away on Tuesday of this week, and I seek to commemorate her life and service to our community. Her life was cut short, as I said, on Tuesday at the age of 18. My sympathies are with her family and friends during this difficult time. She was an extraordinary young woman with a very bright future ahead of her.

Amanda was a recent graduate of Maxwell High School, where she was a member of the California Scholarship Federation. She had been accepted at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and planned to major in ranch management.

In addition to her scholastic achievements, Amanda was a rodeo queen of the Maxwell Rodeo and Stonyford Rodeo 2002. She was a member of the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club. Frankly, her list of accomplishments is quite impressive, but it really does not capture her true spirit.

I had the pleasure of knowing Amanda. We competed together at the Colusa Western Days and together we won the Team Penning competition. It was her energy and enthusiasm that led us to victory two years in a row. She was dedicated, hard-working, but, more importantly, she was a good person, and we have too few of those. Our Nation's future rests in the hands of younger Americans such as Amanda, and, frankly, she was a great example of what lies ahead for this country in terms of the standards she set.

Without a doubt, she contributed great things, not only to our community, but to each of our lives. Her passing is a tragedy and she will be deeply missed. I am grateful that she was a part of my life.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) is recognized for 5 minutes.