

consent of the governed. No government can be invested with higher dignity and greater worth than one based upon the principle of consent. The people of the United States and the people of Puerto Rico are entering into a new relationship that will serve as an inspiration to all who love freedom and hate tyranny. We are giving new substance to man's hope for a world with liberty and equality under law. Those who truly love freedom know that the right relationship between a government and its people is based on mutual consent and esteem. The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is a proud document that embodies the best of our democratic heritage. I recommend its early approval by the Congress."

Some fifty years have passed since Congress ratified the Constitution of Puerto Rico. I am very proud to represent my people and to recognize and celebrate this historic event through this resolution today. It is an honor to work with my colleagues in Congress and to celebrate with all Americans the Commonwealth Constitution and our ongoing commitment to democracy, liberty, progress and self-determination.

I thank my colleagues for their support of this Resolution.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, as the ranking Democrat on the Resources Committee I want to begin by thanking JIM HANSEN for his work in getting this important resolution celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico before the House of Representatives.

While it is true that Chairman HANSEN and I often have a difference of opinion when it comes to issues involving Puerto Rico, on the matter before us today we stand united.

I also want to commend the gentleman from Puerto Rico, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, for his diligence in bringing this measure to our attention, and working to have it considered by the House of Representatives in a timely fashion.

During my tenure in Congress, I've come to appreciate the passionate deliberations over Puerto Rico's future political status. Anyone who is familiar with this history will recognize how studious one must be in crafting legislation, or otherwise, that makes mention of Puerto Rico's political status. In this regard, I offer my deep appreciation to Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA for working collaboratively with both Chairman HANSEN and myself to compose a nonpartisan and status-neutral resolution recognizing this milestone for Puerto Rico.

It is times such as this occasion that we are given good cause to step back and appreciate all that the relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States has meant to each other over the years. The U.S. has benefitted from Puerto Rican achievements in business, the arts, government, and athletics. More importantly, the U.S. has been enriched by Puerto Rican history, culture, and language. I would also emphasize the in time of war the people of Puerto Rico have also shed their blood in defense of the United States of America.

For her part, Puerto Rico has capitalized on the access to economic opportunities provided to her from the U.S. relationship. The result of this, being a prosperous economy and society.

The relationship will be perfected. The determination of the people of Puerto Rico will make it so. I have a special fondness for the people of Puerto Rico. I have found them to be a hard working and diligent people with deep passions. Today, I congratulate the people

of Puerto Rico on this anniversary and encourage my colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 395, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4807, H. Con. Res. 408, and H. Con. Res. 395, the legislation just debated.

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

There was no objection.

### NOTICE

*Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.*

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5093, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (during the Special Order of Mr. MCINNIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-577) on the resolution (H. Res. 483) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5093) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of attending a memorial service.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and July 16 on account of personal 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. DEFazio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

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

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and July 16, 17, and 18.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois to include extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$9,630.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on June 12, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

## Number and Title

H.J. Res 87. Approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

H.R. 2362. To establish the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission.

H.R. 3871. To provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 10 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

7902. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Modifying Procedures and Establishing Regulations To Limit the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket Nos. FV01-905-1 FIR; FV01-905-2 FIR] received June 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7903. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Loan Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Streamlining of the Emergency Farm Loan Program Loan Regulations; Correction (RIN: 0560-AF72) received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7904. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Additional Opportunity for Participation in 2002 Raisin Diversion Program [Docket No. FV02-989-5 IFR] received June 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7905. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Revision of Reporting and Assessment Requirements [Docket No. FV02-955-1 IFR] received June 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7906. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for FY 2003 budget amendments for the Securities and Exchange Commission and for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development; (H. Doc. No. 107-243); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7907. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request to make available funds for the disaster relief program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; (H. Doc. No.

107-244); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7908. A letter from the Principal Deputy, Department of Defense, transmitting an annual report on the STARBASE Program for FY 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7909. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Banking Activities: Capital Equivalency Deposits [Docket No. 02-10] (RIN: 1557-AC05) received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7910. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nonprofit Organization Participation in Certain FHA Single Family Activities; Placement and Removal Procedures [Docket No. FR-4585-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AH49) received June 24, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7911. A letter from the Director, FDIC Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Prohibition Against Use of Interstate Branches Primarily for Deposit Production (RIN: 3064-AC36) received June 26, 2002; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7912. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-P-7610] received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7913. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7914. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-D-7523] received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7915. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7916. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7917. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7918. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Department's final rule — Technical Amendments to Rules and Forms Due to the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996 and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act [Release Nos. 34-46106 and IC-25621] (RIN: 3235-AI53) received June 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7919. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special

Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC) Program — received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7920. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners (RIN: 1219-AB28) received June 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7921. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received June 24, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7922. A letter from the Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Annual Superfund Report to the Congress for Fiscal 2001, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 7501 note; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7923. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report For Fiscal Year 2000"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7924. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Georgia: Approval of Revisions to State Implementation Plan [GA-50; GA-53; GA-56; GA-58; GA-59-200230(a); FRL-7244-5] received June 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7925. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule -Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Georgia: Approval of Revisions to State Implementation Plans [GA-49-200232(a); FRL-7244-7] received June 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7926. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's inventory of functions pursuant to the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7927. A letter from the Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report on the "EPA's Inventory of Commercial Activities"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7928. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General ending March 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7929. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7930. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Pay for Administrative Appeals Judge Positions (RIN: 3206-AJ44) received June 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.