

That is the agency that builds the levees that keeps low-lying communities from flooding; that dredges channels so that inland commerce can take place; that dredges the channels for oceangoing ships; that agency that helps people with their sewage problems, with their drainage problems. He said that the administration's budget did not have enough money in it for him to do his job.

He went on to say that he felt like the Office of Management and Budget intentionally low-balled that to try to make the President's budget look a little closer to being balanced than it really was, and knowing that Congress would put the money back in the budget. He even went so far as to say that the Constitution of the United States under article I gives Congress the power to decide where the money goes, not the administration. The administration is certainly correct to request a budget, but it is Congress' job to pass a budget.

For telling the truth, my friend Mike Parker was fired. He was actually asked to resign. And what is really interesting about this town of half truths is that it was just 3 years ago on this very floor that a majority of my colleagues and I voted to impeach a sitting President because we felt like he had lied under oath. But when someone just last week tells the truth, he is asked to resign.

Mr. Speaker, I think that is a shame, and I think it is a horrible reflection on our Nation. I think it is a horrible reflection on this administration. Mike Parker did the right thing. This town is awash in debt because we are awash in half truths. Finally, somebody came forward and said this is the way to do it. You gave me a job to do. I have left my farm in Mississippi, I have left my business in Mississippi, my wife has left a successful accounting firm to come here all so we could serve our country. I have told you the truth, and my reward for telling the truth is to fire me.

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Mr. Speaker, it is a shame. So for Mike Parker and all of the folks out there who tell the truth, I want to say I am grateful, the people in Mississippi. I deeply regret that the President of the United States did the wrong thing; but Mike, I know you did the right thing.

Just recently there was a book published called "The Dereliction of Duty." I am told it was written by a historian at West Point who researched the early stages of the Vietnam War, and makes a very compelling case that the Joint Chiefs of Staff at that time knew that President Johnson had no intention of winning that war. And what he cites as a dereliction of duty is those generals and those admirals at the time, knowing that the President had no clear plan for victory, were not willing to risk their careers and step forward and say "This is wrong. I am

not going to let the kids in my command die," in what they knew to be a failed effort.

Mike Parker had the guts to say this is wrong and point out the way that it should be and tell the truth. So, Mike, they may have had a dereliction of duty, but you did not. For the sake of myself and again speaking on behalf of the people of Mississippi, we are proud of you, Mike. God bless you.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 11:30 a.m. on account of personal reasons.

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

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCINTYRE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BLUNT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled joint resolution of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 11, 2002, 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:

5775. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydrogen Peroxide; An Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-301217; FRL-6822-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5776. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Interim Final Determination that State has Corrected the Deficiencies [CA 248-0293c; FRL-7149-7] received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5777. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa [Iowa 0127-1127a; FRL-7151-7] received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5778. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Operating Permits Program; State of Iowa [IA 0126-1126a; FRL-7151-9] received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5779. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—North Carolina: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7150-6] received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5780. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 169-0323; FRL-7148-8] received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5781. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, El Dorado Air Pollution Control District [CA248-0293a; FRL-7149-6] received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5782. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Interim Final Determination that the State of California Has Corrected Deficiencies and Stay of Sanctions, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 250-0317c; FRL-7146-1] received February 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5783. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Interim Final Determination that the State of California Has Corrected Deficiencies and Stay of Sanctions, Kern

County Air Pollution Control District [CA 256-0319c; FRL-7139-2] received February 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5784. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Delaware: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7149-9] received February 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5785. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland Nitrogen Oxide Averaging Plan for Constellation Power Source Generation [MD121-3082a; FRL-9144-5] received February 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5786. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota [MN64-01-7289a; FRL-7139-8] received February 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5787. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Georgia: Control of Gasoline Sulfur and Volatility [GA-47-2; GA-55-2; GA-58-2-200216; FRL-7148-4] received February 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5788. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5789. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 14-296, "Home Loan Protection Act of 2002" received March 7, 2002, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5790. A letter from the General Counsel, Corporation For National Service, transmitting the report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5791. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—VISAS: Documentation of Nonimmigrants and Immigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended: Fingerprinting; Access to Criminal History Records; Conditions for use of criminal history records—received February 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5792. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE90 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2001-NE-32-AD; Amendment 39-12606; AD 2002-01-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5793. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-198-AD; Amendment 39-12607; AD 2002-01-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursu-

ant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5794. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE90 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2001-NE-32-AD; Amendment 39-12606; AD 2002-01-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5795. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model DH.125, HS.125, BH.125, and BAe.125 (U-125 and C-29A) Series Airplanes; Model Hawker 800, Hawker 800 (U-125A), Hawker 800XP, and Hawker 1000 Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-373-AD; Amendment 39-12619; AD 2001-17-26 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5796. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-100, -200, and -300 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-112-AD; Amendment 39-12620; AD 2002-01-25] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5797. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-128-AD; Amendment 39-12613; AD 2002-01-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5798. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model Beech 400, 400A, and 400T Series Airplanes; Model Beech MU-300-10 Airplanes; and Model Mitsubishi MU-300 Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-382-AD; Amendment 39-12617; AD 2002-01-23] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5799. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-81, -82, -83, and -87 Series Airplanes, and Model MD-88 Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-362-AD; Amendment 39-12618; AD 2002-01-24] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5800. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civil Asset Forfeiture (RIN: 1515-AC69) received February 25, 2002, 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 rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 706. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the

vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico; with an amendment (Rept. 107-368). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3389. A bill to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment; (Rept. 107-369 Pt. I) referred to the Committee on Science for a period ending not later than April 17, 2002, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(n), rule X.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. McNULTY):

H.R. 3890. A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to Henry Johnson, of Albany, New York, for acts of valor during World War I and to direct the Secretary of Army to conduct a review of military service records to determine whether certain other African American World War I veterans should be awarded the Medal of Honor for actions during that war; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. FRANK, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. FALCOMA):

H.R. 3891. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to prohibit creditors from taking action that is adverse to the interests of a consumer with respect to certain payments that are due in or shortly after the period of a disruption of the mail resulting from a national emergency declared under the National Emergencies Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 3892. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the judicial discipline procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 3893. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees under Federal student loan repayment programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. GEPHARDT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. REYES, Mr. FRANK, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. LEE, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HONDA, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. STARK, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. BONIOR):

H.R. 3894. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to restore fairness to