

changes to the current computer systems and processes used by the agencies.

(c) **SUBMISSION.**—The Director shall submit a report on the results of the study to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate within one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—Within 6 months after the completion of the study required by subsection (a), the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall submit to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a plan for implementation of the recommendations of the study.

#### SEC. 26. PLANNING GRANTS.

The Director is authorized to accept planning proposals from applicants who are within .075 percentage points of the current eligibility level for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Such proposals shall be reviewed by the Foundation to determine their merit for support under the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research or any other appropriate program.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes."

Mr. ARMEY (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendments be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3908) to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

(1)Page 2, line 19, strike out all after "inserting" down to and including "birds" in line 21 and insert: "and habitats associated with wetland ecosystems"

(2)Page 2, lines 22 and 23, strike out [dependent] and insert: *associated*

(3)Page 2, line 25, strike out [dependent] and insert: *associated*

(4)Page 4, line 3, strike out all after "inserting" down to and including "thereof" in line 4 and insert: "(but at least 30 percent and not more than 60 percent)"

(5)Page 4, line 9, strike out all after "inserting" down to and including "thereof" in line 10 and insert: "(but at least 40 percent and not more than 70 percent)"

(6)Page 5, after line 11, insert:

(2) In section 2(a)(12) (16 U.S.C. 4401(a)(12)), by inserting "and in 1994 by the Secretary of Sedesol for Mexico" after "United States".

(7)Page 5, line 12, strike out [(2)] and insert: (3)

(8)Page 5, line 17, strike out [(3)] and insert: (4)

(9)Page 5, after line 18, insert:

(5) In section 3(6) (16 U.S.C. 4402(6)), by inserting after "1986" the following: "and by the Secretary of Sedesol for Mexico in 1994, and subsequent dates".

(10)Page 5, line 19, strike out [(4)] and insert: (6)

(11)Page 5, line 22, strike out [(5)] and insert: (7)

(12)Page 6, line 1, strike out [(6)] and insert: (8)

(13)Page 6, after line 2, insert:

(9) In section 5(b) (16 U.S.C. 4404(b)), by striking "by January 1 of each year," and inserting "each year".

(10) In section 5(d) (16 U.S.C. 4404(d)), by striking "one Council member" and inserting "2 Council members".

(14)Page 6, line 3, strike out [(7)] and insert: (11)

(15)Page 6, line 6, strike out [(8)] and insert: (12)

(16)Page 6, line 10, strike out [(9)] and insert: (13)

(17)Page 6, line 13, strike out [(10)] and insert: (14)

(18)Page 7, after line 3, insert:

#### SEC. 9. CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE.

Section 502(c) of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 105-312) is amended by striking "2003" and inserting "2008".

Mr. ARMEY (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendments be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BOYD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family business.

Mr. SAWYER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 8:15 p.m. on account of an official congressional delegation event.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 9:00 p.m. on account of an official congressional delegation event.

Mr. WYNN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 8:00 p.m. on account of an official congressional delegation event.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 7:30 p.m. on account of illness in the family.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of a family emergency.

Mr. GILMAN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 8:35 p.m. and

the balance of the week on account of attending the Trans-Atlantic Legislators Dialogue Conference.

Mr. HYDE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 8:35 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of attending the Trans-Atlantic Legislators Dialogue Conference.

Mr. ISSA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 8:35 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of attending the Trans-Atlantic Legislators Dialogue Conference.

Mr. TOOMEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of a death in the family.

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

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. VISCLOSKEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. HILL, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GORDON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CANNON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHAW, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LATOURETTE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROYCE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 958. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Committee Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, 326-K, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1742. An act to prevent the crime of identity theft, mitigate the harm to individuals victimized by identity theft, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary in addition to the Committee on Financial Services for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 2845. An act to extend for one year procedural relief provided under the USA PATRIOT Act for individuals who were or are victims or survivors of victims of a terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3067. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to extend certain Government information security reform for one year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S.J. Res. 42. Joint resolution commending Sail Boston for its continuing advancement of the maritime heritage of nations, its commemoration of the nautical history of the United States, and its promotion, encouragement, and support of young cadets through training; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in addition to the Committee on International Relations for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1070. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out projects and conduct research for remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern in the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2546. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3340. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over; to reauthorize the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel; and for other purposes.

H.R. 3389. An act to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3394. An act to authorize funding for computer and network security research and development and research fellowship programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4878. An act to provide for estimates and reports of improper payments by Federal agencies.

H.R. 5349. An act to facilitate the use of a portion of the former O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, by the local Boys and Girls Club through the release of the reversionary interest and other interests retained by the United States in 1955 when the land was conveyed to the State of Missouri.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I promised myself I would stay until the last dog died, and it turns out I am the last dog.

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.),

under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 19, 2002, at noon.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

9973. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Canadian Border Ports; Blaine and Lynden, WA [Docket No. 02-064-1] received November 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9974. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 01-093-3] received November 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9975. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas [Docket No. 02-053-2] received November 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9976. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Payment of Indemnity [Docket No. 02-048-1] (RIN: 0579-AB46) received November 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9977. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Change in Disease Status of Israel Because of BSE [Docket No. 02-072-2] received November 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9978. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for FY 2003 budget amendments for the Department of Justice and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; (H. Doc. No. 107—281); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

9979. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 98-02, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

9980. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Housing Choice Voucher Program Homeownership Option: Eligibility of Units Owned or Controlled by a Public Housing Agency [Docket No. FR-4759-I-01] (RIN: 2577-AC39) received November 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9981. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Testimony of Employees in Legal Proceedings [Docket No. FR-4783-F-01] (RIN: 2501-AC90) received November 1, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9982. 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-7612] received November 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9983. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received November 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9984. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children: Exclusion of Military Housing Payments (RIN: 0584-AD34) received November 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9985. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Student Assistance General Provisions — received November 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9986. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Student Aid Programs (RIN: 1845-AA2 3) received November 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9987. A letter from the Director, OSHA Standards and Guidance, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Exit Routes, Emergency Action Plans, and Fire Prevention Plans (RIN: 1218-AB82) received November 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9988. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, NHTSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Consumer Information; Safety Rating Program for Child Restraint Systems [Docket No. NHTSA-02-10053] (RIN: 2127-AI65) received November 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9989. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Notice of Halting the Sanctions Clocks for the Commonwealth of Virginia's Failure to Submit Required State Implementation Plan for the NOX SIP Call [FRL-7249-5] received October 29, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9990. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standard Benzene Waste Operations [FRL-7405-6] (RIN: 2060-AJ87) received November 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9991. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; State of Mississippi [MS-200302(a); FRL-7404-2] received November 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9992. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District [CA242-0373a; FRL-395-8] received November 7, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.