

and conviction about their own self-worth serve them all of their lives. Today, there are nearly 3.7 million Girl Scouts, 2.8 million members, girl members, and 942,000 adult members, almost all volunteers.

Therefore, it is important that we honor the Girl Scouts for their 90 years of work in developing qualities in young women today so that they may serve as future leaders tomorrow.

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

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

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mrs. THURMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. THURMAN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MASCARA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family illness.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family 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. UDALL of Colorado) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEKS of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 18, 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:

5889. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV02-932-1 IFR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5890. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—West Indian Fruit Fly [Docket No. 00-110-4] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5891. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and Umatilla County, OR; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-924-1 FIR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5892. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Elimination of Requirements for Partial Quality Control Programs; Certification of Scales [Docket No. 97-001TF] (RIN: 0583-AC35) received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5893. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 01-092-2] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5894. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-966-2 IFR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5895. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-905-3 IFR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5896. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Citrus Canker; Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 01-079-2] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5897. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agri-

culture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 01-092-2] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5898. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Greece Because of BSE [Docket No. 01-065-2] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5899. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions [Docket No. 00-075-2] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5900. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Steam Treatment of Golden Nematode-Infested Farm Equipment, Construction Equipment, and Containers [Docket No. 01-050-1] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5901. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Black Stem Rust; Identification Requirements and Addition of Rust Resistant Varieties [Docket No. 97-053-3] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5902. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Japan Because of BSE [Docket No. 01-094-2] received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5903. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—2, 4-D; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301219; FRL-6827-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5904. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Compliance Alternatives for Provision of Uncompensated Services (RIN: 0906-AA52) received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5905. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Indiana [IN139-1a; FRL-7155-3] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5906. 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; Maine; Control of Gasoline Volatility [ME065-7014a; A-1-FRL-7152-1] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5907. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval of the Clean Air Act Section 111 and 112 Delegation of Authority Updates to the Washington State Department of Ecology, Benton Clean Air Authority, Northwest Air Pollution Authority, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, and Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority [FRL-7153-2] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5908. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Administrative Changes and Technical Amendments [FRL-7155-7] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5909. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule—Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, Qualified Trusts, and Certificates of Divestiture; Extensions of Filing Dates for Certain Confidential Financial Disclosure Report Filers (RIN: 3209-AA00) received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5910. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Resources, transmitting the Department's final rule—Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Program (RIN: 0906-AA56) received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5911. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Youngstown, Oh [Airspace Docket No. 00-AGL-24] received February 19, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5912. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Cleveland, OH; modification of class E Airspace; Medina, OH; and revocation of Class E Airspace; Elyria, OH [Airspace Docket No. 00-AGL-23] received February 19, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5913. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Emergency Recertification for Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) [CMS-3064-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AK81) received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

The Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Education and the Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3208 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan:

H.R. 3965. A bill to authorize the establishment of a Center for Plant Disease Control in the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. RIVERS (for herself and Mr. WELDON of Florida):

H.R. 3966. A bill to direct the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to conduct a study of the impact of Federal policies on the innovation process for genomic technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

By Ms. RIVERS (for herself and Mr. WELDON of Florida):

H.R. 3967. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for noninfringing uses of patents on genetic sequence information for purposes of research and genetic diagnostic testing, and to require public disclosure of such information in certain patent applications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 3968. A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and other rescue workers who are killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. HYDE:

H.R. 3969. A bill to enhance United States public diplomacy, to reorganize United States international broadcasting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. BARRETT, and Mr. ENGEL):

H.R. 3970. A bill to improve the setting of accounting standards by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, to provide sound and uniform accounting and financial reporting for public utilities, to clarify the responsibility of issuers for the transparency and honesty of their financial statements and reports, and to enhance the governance of the accounting profession; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Ms. DUNN, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H.R. 3971. A bill to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or turnover; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JONES of North Carolina:

H.R. 3972. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to index for inflation the amount of the death gratuity paid upon the death of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. GUTKNECHT):

H.R. 3973. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma):

H.R. 3974. A bill to increase the expertise and capacity of community-based organizations involved in economic development ac-

tivities and key community development programs; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself and Ms. LEE):

H.R. 3975. A bill to provide for acceptance of the Fourth Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, to provide for the Special Drawing Rights allocated to the United States pursuant to the amendment to be contributed to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to seek negotiations for the purpose of inducing the other member countries of the International Monetary Fund to make similar contributions to that Global Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself and Mr. STARK):

H.R. 3976. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a direct Medicare supplemental insurance option; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 3977. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a grant to the State of New Jersey for the construction of a memorial to the New Jersey victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 3978. A bill to provide compensation and income tax relief for the individuals who were victims of the terrorist-related bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993 on the same basis as compensation and income tax relief is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

By Mr. PITTS (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

H.R. 3979. A bill to provide for the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the Republic of Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. FROST, and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 3980. A bill to provide for a circulating commemorative coin to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

H.R. 3981. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H.R. 3982. A bill to apply recently imposed tariffs on steel imports towards assistance for displaced steel workers and retirees; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce, 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.