

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS).

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, let me just say in regards to what the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) just said, just this evening, Mr. Speaker, we held a conference, a teleconference, with student leaders from all over the country. And it was such an exciting event. We have already come to an agreement that we are going to take all of that energy that they had back here on April 1 and we are going forward.

As our first Vice Chair has said, we will be traveling from campus to campus and organizing here in Washington and across the country, because we realize that all of our young people, that one day it should not end there, but it must go forward. So we will be doing that.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would say to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS), Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for what you are suggesting, your recommendation and your plan of action. It reminds me of another period in our history when we just got out there and did what we had to do.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will allow me, there is a saying I love. It says, "In our time, in our space, we will make a difference, with God's grace."

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MEEK).

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to say that not only all of the Members here, but the Members who could not be here that did place information in the RECORD, it is such an honor to be here, coming from Florida. So many of you were involved in that effort there to save and work towards a better affirmative action in Florida and this country.

Words are inadequate to even describe the kind of work that is going to have to be done for the understanding of this country of how important affirmative action is. I tell every American, if you have a daughter and a mother, and obviously we all do, you are for affirmative action.

I commend those individuals that came before us, and the NAACP and other organizations that organized to get them here. I look forward to working with the gentleman and the members of the Congressional Black Caucus as we continue to work with these young people and younger people that have done so well for us.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, we will work together and pull together and push together to make it all happen.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EVERETT (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for April 7 on account of attending to district 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. HOEFFEL) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, April 9.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, April 9.

The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, 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. 164. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of César Estrada Chávez and the farm labor movement; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 212. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plans Aquifer States in conducting a Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, and Modeling Program for the High Plans Aquifer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 278. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 328. An act to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 347. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint resource study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

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. 397. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construc-

tion of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois.

H.R. 672. An act to rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1702. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Lactic acid, ethyl ester and Lactic acid, n-butyl ester; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction [OPP-2002-0-217; FRL-7298-4] received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1703. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Modified Acrylic Polymers; Revision of Tolerance Exemption [OPP-2003-0079; FRL-7297-8] received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1704. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report for purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2002, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 827 (110 Stat. 2611); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1705. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report regarding assured access to space for the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1706. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Development of Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Programs and Activities Beginning in FY 2004"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1707. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of Contract Goal for Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Certain Institutions of Higher Education [DFARS Case 2002-D038] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1708. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the President approved changes to the 2002 Unified Command Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1709. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Foreign Acquisition [DFARS Case 2002-D009] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1710. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; One-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Rhode Island Ozone Nonattainment Area [A-1-FRL-7476-7] received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1711. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Standards of Performance for Stationary Gas Turbines [OAR-2002-0053, FRL-7476-5] (RIN: 2060-AK35) received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1712. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on nuclear nonproliferation in South Asia for the period October 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2376(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1713. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Jordan [Transmittal No. DTC 005-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

1714. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Germany [Transmittal No. DTC 011-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

1715. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report required by Section 301 of the United States Macau Policy Act, covering the period from April 2, 2001, to April 1, 2002; to the Committee on International Relations.

1716. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report required by Section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5731; to the Committee on International Relations.

1717. 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.

1718. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1719. A letter from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1720. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status and Designation of Critical Habitat for *Polygonum hickmanii* (Scotts Valley polygonum) (RIN: 1018-AH76) received April 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1721. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Kauai Cave Wolf Spider and Kauai Cave Amphipod (RIN: 1018-AH01) received April 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1722. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Annual Report On Child Welfare Outcomes 2000, pursuant to Public Law 105-89, section 203(a) (111 Stat. 2127); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1723. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fellowships [FRL-7476-2] (RIN: 2030-AA77) received April 1, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture.

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. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1528. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service; with an amendment (Rept. 108-61). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1297. A bill to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter (Rept. 108-62 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 658. A bill to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 108-63 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 181. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1036) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others (Rept. 108-64). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Science discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1297 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

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

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1644. A bill to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes, with an amendment; Rept. 108-65, Part I; referred to the Committee on Judiciary for a period ending not later than April 9, 2003, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 658. Referral to the Committee on Government Reform extended for a period ending not later than June 2, 2003.

H.R. 1297. Referral to the Committee on Science extended for a period ending not later than April 8, 2003.

H.R. 1644. Referral to the Committees on Science, Resources, Education and the Workforce, and Transportation and Infrastructure for a period ending not later than April 9, 2003.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NUNES:

H.R. 1659. A bill to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers, including producers also acting as handlers, for sales of packaged fluid milk into certain non-federally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. MCKEON):

H.R. 1660. A bill to amend the National Apprenticeship Act to provide that applications relating to apprenticeship programs are processed in a fair and timely manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SANDLIN, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio):

H.R. 1661. A bill to provide balanced taxpayer protections in tax administrations, including elimination of abusive tax strategies, simplification of the earned income tax credit, and taxpayer protections; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. OTTER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CANNON, Mr. MCINNIS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. RENZI, and Mr. BRADY of Texas):

H.R. 1662. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to give greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. LEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas):

H.R. 1663. A bill to protect home buyers from predatory lending practices; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H.R. 1664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for