

Because, Madam Speaker, in the upcoming weeks we will be involved in a lot of issues that are going to come before this Congress that will be important to the American public, such as additional issues with regard to energy. And this happening at a time when the American public expects that we are going to be operating above-board and we are going to be operating in a way in that all of us can stand up and say that we are proud to be Americans; that we are proud to be a part of a Congress of the United States that acts appropriately; and that we are proud to support and help those who are most in need of our help.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT, FRANK JACKSON

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, if you would allow me, on a wholly different issue, I would like to take this opportunity at this time to congratulate the council president of the city of Cleveland, Frank Jackson. Frank Jackson just won the mayoral primary in the city of Cleveland, beating out the current mayor by some 4,000 votes. So this gives me a great opportunity to congratulate him for the work that he has done.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

H. Con. Res. 263. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. JEAN SCHMIDT TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN EN- ROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESO- LUTIONS ON TODAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. SCHMIDT) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, Oct. 7, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEAN SCHMIDT to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA HOPKINS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATSON. Madam Speaker, I want to come and join with hundreds of people who yesterday had the exciting

experience of being in Hollywood on the Walk of Fame for a famous jazz and blues singer, Linda Hopkins, who received her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Linda Hopkins was honored with the 2,292nd star on the world-famous Hollywood Walk of Fame yesterday, October 6, at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Pantages Theatre. Johnny Grant, Honorary Mayor of Hollywood and Chairman of the Walk of Fame Committee, presided over the event.

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Mr. Speaker, I want to say congratulations to Linda once again, and we are so very pleased to be the ones to nominate Linda. It took us a few years, but she got that star on the Walk of Fame.

LINDA HOPKINS TO RECEIVE STAR ON
HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME TODAY

Singer Linda Hopkins will be honored with the 2,292nd star on the world famous Hollywood Walk of Fame on Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m., in front of Pantages Theatre, 6233 Hollywood Blvd. Johnny Grant, Honorary Mayor of Hollywood and Chairman of the Walk of Fame Committee, will preside over the event.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. POE (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today until 1:45 p.m. on account of official business in his district.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2360. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 263, 109th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. SCHMIDT). Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 263, 109th Congress, the

House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2005.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 263, the House adjourned until Monday, October 17, 2005, at 2 p.m.

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. POMBO: Committee on Resources. S. 1339. An act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (Rept. 109-246). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 4012. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to modify the terms of the community disaster loan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CANNON:

H.R. 4013. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. LANTOS):

H.R. 4014. A bill to reauthorize the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. NUNES (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. POMBO, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. RENZI, Mr. PORTER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HERGER, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BACA, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FARR, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. HARMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. PASTOR, and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 4015. A bill to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers for sales of packaged fluid milk in federally regulated milk marketing areas and into certain non-federally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. HOLT, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. LEE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. STARK, Ms. WATSON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. BORDALLO):

H.R. 4016. A bill to provide assistance to revitalize institutions of higher education affected by the Gulf hurricane disasters; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. MARCHANT):

H.R. 4017. A bill to provide assistance for the education of elementary and secondary students; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BOEHNER (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KLINE, Mr. MARCHANT, Ms. FOX, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. TIAHRT):

H.R. 4018. A bill to repeal certain education provisions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CANNON:

H.R. 4019. A bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to clarify the treatment of self-employment for purposes of the limitation on State taxation of retirement income; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. MELANCON):

H.R. 4020. A bill to authorize the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund to conduct a special round of funding in fiscal year 2006 for assistance in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4021. A bill to permit statues honoring citizens of the District of Columbia to be placed in Statuary Hall in the same manner as statues honoring citizens of the States are placed in Statuary Hall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 4022. A bill to require health insurance coverage for certain reconstructive surgery; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HOYER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HINCHAY, Mr. WEINER, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HOLT, Ms. CARSON, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. MATHEWSON, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. WU, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mrs.

NAPOLITANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HONDA, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. INSLIE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia):

H.R. 4023. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself and Mr. JEFFERSON):

H.R. 4024. A bill to make funds available for community disaster loans to assist local governments in providing essential services following Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BARROW (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. EVANS, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

H.R. 4025. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 4026. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow nonrefundable credits against income tax for certain gasoline, diesel fuel, and home energy consumption expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 4027. A bill to establish a short-term moratorium on the payment of principal or interest on certain mortgage loans secured by residential or commercial real estate located in any area declared to be a Federal disaster area due to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee:

H.R. 4028. A bill to require employers of temporary H-2A workers to pay such workers at least the greater of the Federal or State minimum wage rate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 4029. A bill to ensure fairness in gasoline, diesel fuel, and home heating oil prices; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. CARSON, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 4030. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inflation adjustment of the earned income threshold used in determining the refundable portion of the child tax credit and to restore the threshold to its original amount; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida (for himself, Mr. PUTNAM, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. FOLEY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MEEK of Florida, and Ms. ROSLEHTINEN):

H.R. 4031. A bill to provide assistance to nursery crop and tropical fruit producers whose agricultural operations were severely damaged by Hurricane Dennis, Hurricane Katrina, or Hurricane Rita in 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition