

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 2, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, the Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 2, 2008, at 9:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendment H.R. 1424.

That the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment H.R. 2095.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7081.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7177.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7198.

That the Senate passed S. 602.

That the Senate passed S. 1703.

That the Senate passed S. 3013.

That the Senate passed S. 3073.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 105.

Appointments:

Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Monday, September 29, 2008:

H.R. 1157, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer;

H.R. 1777, to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws;

H.R. 5057, to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5571, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6460, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6946, to make a technical correction in the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008;

S. 2162, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of

Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes;

S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications;

S. 2982, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes;

S. 3597, to provide that funds allocated for community food projects for fiscal year 2008 shall remain available until September 30, 2009;

and by Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Wednesday, October 1, 2008:

S. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
CHRISTOPHER T. FOX

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, as we are involved in this crisis with the economy, the world goes on. And part of the world is the war in Iraq.

Unfortunately, when I returned home to Memphis, I learned that one of our citizens, Private First Class Christopher T. Fox, United States Army, became the 4,178th casualty in the Iraq war. He was the ninth casualty from my District; a 21-year-old gentleman who went to Hamilton High School, whose stepfather lives in Memphis, Mr. Randall Hancock, and whose guardian is in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Fox served this country admirably. He had a great love for the Army. He was due to get out in July, and looking forward to going to UT Knoxville in the fall. He played football at Hamilton High School. He loved his country.

The people of the Ninth District, the people of Shelby County, the people of Tennessee, and all of us in America appreciate his sacrifice and his service and join his family in grieving his loss. Thank you for your good deeds on Earth, Private First Class Fox.

ELKIN CITY SCHOOLS HONORED
FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S HIGHEST GRADUATION RATE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I want to highlight some good news from the Fifth District of North Carolina.

Last month, the State of North Carolina recognized Elkin City Schools in Elkin, North Carolina for having the best graduation rate in the entire State.

By graduating nine out of ten seniors this past school year, Elkin City Schools is blazing a trail of high academic standards in Northwest North Carolina.

Elkin's efforts to make sure its students cross the finish line will pay real dividends for the Elkin community in the future. An outstanding high school graduation rate not only has a stabilizing effect on the social fabric of the community, but it also lays a foundation for young adults ready to take their place as community leaders and productive members of society.

Congratulations to Elkin City Schools, its many graduates, their parents, faculty, and staff. You have set the standard for excellence.

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RESTORING CONFIDENCE

(Mr. FARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the anger expressed by my constituents and constituents of many Members of Congress—anger over the financial mess that we are in, anger at Wall Street for the greed that got us there, and anger at the White House for the arrogance in asking Congress to authorize \$700 billion without any conditions.

However, the public should not be angry that the Congress has tried to respond, not to the President's request but to the public's need for checks and balances. We wrote an entirely new bill, the contents of which are on every Member's Web site. It provides relief with checks and balances, oversight for taxpayer safeguards, and addresses obscene salaries and abusive golden parachutes. It is not a perfect bill, but it is a responsible bill.

The best thing that came out of the last 10 days is that the institutions of government became responsible for governing the affairs of this Nation in a bipartisan manner. Now let's hope that this House will follow the leadership of the Senate last night in passing a responsible recovery plan.

In the end, it is the institutions of government that have to regain confidence. Let's hope that this November election will elect leadership that can restore that confidence to the Nation and the world.