At times like these, it is important that Americans spontaneously rise up and unequivocally condemn these attacks, and that our government take every possible action to identify, apprehend, and punish the perpetrators. We must make it unmistakably clear that our society will not condone, tolerate, or ignore crimes of hate. We must make it clear that an attack on any member of our society is an attack on us all. We must make it clear that ours is a nation based on tolerance, diversity, and compassion—not violence, prejudice, and hate.

As a result of our racially troubled past and the sad, lingering legacy of slavery and Jim Crow laws, white Americans have a special responsibility at times like these to reach out to our African-American brothers and sisters to let them know that we do not share the racial hatred that appears to have motivated these attacks. We have a responsibility to let them know that we share their pain and anger, and that we want to work with them to heal the wounds created by these reprehensible attacks.

Sadly, it is clear that our society is still torn over the issue of race. I believe, however, that we have the potential to grow and mature. Change can be difficult, and it often takes time. But I believe that the day is not that far off when this society will fulfill the ideals of equality, freedom, and harmony to which it has always aspired.

I believe that we should attempt to turn this tragedy into opportunity—an opportunity to address the tensions that still linger below the surface in the daily interactions between Americans of different races, religions, and ethnic groups. As a first step, let us rise up as one people to condemn these intolerable attacks. Second, let us make certain that the Federal Government makes every effort possible to get to the bottom of these crimes. And finally, let us engage in a national dialogue to expose and extinguish the misunderstanding and fear that motivate such hateful acts.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HOUGHTON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 3 p.m., on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 7 p.m. and the balance of the week, on account of attending his daughter's graduation.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 8 p.m. through Tuesday, June 18, on account of official business.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 7:30 p.m. and the balance of the week, on account of official 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. FILNER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HILLIARD, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. WALKER, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. HILLEARY, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. WAMP, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. BAKER of California, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, on June 20.

Mrs. CUBIN, for 5 minutes today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FILNER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. EDWARDS.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. JACOBS.

Mr. TORRICELLI.

Mrs. KENNELLY.

Mr. MARKEY.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mrs. THURMAN.

Mrs. CLAYTON.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. REED.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYWORTH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. HOKE.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. DORNAN.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 midnight), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 17, 1996, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3571. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Growers' Referendum Results (Docket No. TB–95–13) received June 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3572. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Growers' Referendum Results (Docket No. TB–95–15) received June 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3573. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate (Docket No. FV96–982–1IFR) received June 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3574. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Increased Assessment Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Not Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146 and for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts (Docket No. FV96–998–1IFR) received June 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3575. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Temporary Suspension of Minimum Grade Requirements (Docket No. FV96–922–1IFR) received June 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3576. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of June 1, 1996, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 104–232); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3577. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the ''FHA Single Family Housing Reform Act of 1996''; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3578. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Interpretive Bulletin 96–1 Participant Investment Education (Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration) (RIN: 1210–AA50) received June 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3579. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Valuation of Plan Benefits in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Plan Benefits and Plan Assets Following Mass Withdrawal; Amendments Adopting Additional PBGC Rates (29 CFR Parts 2619 and 2676) received June 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3580. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the ''Development Disabilities Assistance Amendments of 1996,'' pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3581. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,