

So we are not a political welfare case. We are not a political charity case. We are a proud people, looking for a new mechanism through which we can become even more autonomous, obtain some political dignity, and receive some of the freedoms that every other American enjoys and takes for granted.

When you are a territory, you live in an existence, in a political existence, in which any Federal bureaucrat, in which any Federal official may misunderstand whether you are a domestic entity, whether you are a foreign entity, or whether you are a nonentity.

And in this, I would just give you some examples. Federal aviation—for purposes of airline routes, we are regulated as a domestic entity.

For communications—for purposes of communication, we are regulated, we are treated as a foreign country. What does that mean? Well, basically what that means is, if you are trying to run a viable economy on Guam, is that you have telephone rates that are incredibly high because you are treated as a foreign country.

And if you want to bring more air routes in from the surrounding area in order to contribute to the growth of your tourist industry, you are not able to because the routes that Guam, the Guam-to-Japan routes, Guam-to-Taiwan routes, Guam-to-the-Philippines routes are part of the basic negotiation of United States-foreign country routes.

So you can see in those two examples right there how sometimes we are being in a sense jerked around. Basically, it seems like the Federal Government, when it is favorable to the Federal Government, we are treated as a domestic entity. When it is favorable to the Federal Government to treat us as a foreign country, we are treated as a foreign country.

So we have a number of trade arrangements we would like to engage in. We seek clarity in these arrangements. We seek political autonomy. We seek political dignity.

And in all of these dimensions, we try to be open. We are clearly, clearly a political anomaly which needs solution.

It is unconscionable for this country to continue to keep small territories in political limbo, not clearly offering them the option of being full participants as States, but instead seemingly only offering the option of being a political dependency in which your dignity as a people, in which your rights as a citizen are clearly mitigated, misunderstood on a daily basis.

If I could be afforded, Mr. Speaker, a personal note, there is no individual from Guam, there is no individual on Guam, there is no elected political official from Guam or from any of the territories who could feel or understand what this continual turmoil is on this issue of political status than the people who sit as Delegates. On a daily basis, you are reminded that for one reason or another—some historical, some military—you are part of this great

country, and you are a U.S. citizen. But for reasons that are equally sometimes unclear, you are not part of the full participation of this body.

If you look around this room, you will see the seals of each of the 50 States that are on the ceiling, as you look around the room, and you will see in a corner, tucked away, seals of various territories as an afterthought.

When voting time comes, we are given—Delegates are given—a card, and everyone calls it a voting card. But I guess in the case of Delegates it is really a nonvoting card. You put it in the machine and nothing happens, because you are ineligible to vote, and most importantly and most, I guess, where if symbols count, and this is the House of the people, and the people come to vote, and the people's Representatives come to be represented, your name is not even listed on the board up there, so that you become a nonperson.

That is not meant to bemoan that existence, because every Delegate who gets elected to this body clearly knows the parameters of working and living in this body, but what it is meant to note is that when the territories and when Representatives, elected officials of the territories, have a proposal in hand which seeks to resolve the anomalous status of these jurisdictions, that it is the obligation, I think, of people who propound almost on a daily basis on the meaning of democracy to entertain those in as serious a manner as possible.

And on that note I would like to close by asking for cosponsorship by all the Members of the House of H.R. 1056.

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

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. JEFFERSON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. HILLIARD, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. TUCKER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, on March 29.
 Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. CUNNINGHAM, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. FUNDERBURK, 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. HAYWORTH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GALLEGLY.
 Mr. DORNAN.
 Mr. FIELDS of Texas.
 Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.
 Mr. PACKARD.
 Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.
 Mr. FORBES.
 Mr. HAYWORTH.
 Mr. ROTH.

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

Mr. TORRICELLI.
 Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island in two instances.
 Mr. MONTGOMERY.
 Mr. JACOBS.
 Mr. MANTON.
 Mr. BARCIA.
 Mr. HEFNER.
 Ms. LOFGREN.
 Mr. BONIOR.

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

Mr. ALLARD.
 Mr. COSTELLO.
 Mrs. LOWEY.
 Mr. STARK.
 Mr. WILLIAMS.
 Mr. RICHARDSON in two instances.
 Mr. MOORHEAD.
 Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
 Mr. HOYER in three instances.
 Mr. BEREUTER.
 Mr. DINGELL.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 28, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

600. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Personnel Assistance Program: Report on the Transition Assistance Program for FY 1994"; to the Committee on National Security.

601. A letter from the Chairman, Reserve Policy Board, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Reserve Component Programs Fiscal Year 1994"; to the Committee on National Security.

602. A letter from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the annual report to Congress on activities under the Denton amendment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 402; to the Committee on National Security.

603. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to reauthorization appropriations for the U.S. contribution to the 10th replenishment of the International Development Association, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

604. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the U.S. contribution to the interest subsidy account of the successor [ESAF II] to the enhanced structural adjustment facility of the International Monetary Fund, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

605. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for the U.S. contribution to the fourth replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Bank; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

606. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting a report entitled, "Consumer Waivers of the Right of Rescission Under the Truth in Lending Act"; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

607. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the 17th annual report to Congress on the administration of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692m; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

608. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the 28th report to Congress on enforcement actions and comprehensive status of Exxon and stripper well oil overcharge funds; to the Committee on Commerce.

609. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Korea for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-19), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

610. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-18), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

611. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Thailand for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-17), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

612. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Lebanon for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-16), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

613. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States [TECRO] for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-15), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

614. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Ac-

ceptance [LOA] to Kuwait for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-14), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

615. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting the list of all reports issued or released in February 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

616. A letter from the Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Conference's report on the admission of character evidence in certain cases under the Federal Rules of Evidence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

617. A letter from the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting a report entitled, "Conversion of Closed Military Installations into Federal Prison Facilities"; jointly, to the Committee on the Judiciary and National Security.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BAKER of California (for himself and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 1316. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits to businesses with employees performing services in their residences or in telecommuting centers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MINETA, Mr. PAXON, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HAYES, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. TANNER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BASS, and Mr. LEWIS of California):

H.R. 1317. A bill to ensure that sellers and underwriters of insurance are qualified and subject to State consumer protection requirements; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. HEFLEY (for himself, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina):

H.R. 1318. A bill to provide for the elimination of the Department of Education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. MEEHAN (for himself, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. BEREUTER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. UPTON, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 1319. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to improve the information made available in Social Security account statements and to provide for annual distribution of such statements to beneficiaries; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OBERSTAR:

H.R. 1320. A bill to impose restrictions on the use of certain special purpose aircraft; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 1321. A bill to prevent handgun violence and illegal commerce in firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H.R. 1322. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a \$100,000 lifetime

deduction for net capital gain; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. PETRI, Mr. LAUGHLIN, and Mr. BREWSTER):

H.R. 1323. A bill to reduce risk to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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. STARK:

H.R. 1324. A bill to enforce the law regulating the height of buildings in the District of Columbia by prohibiting the District of Columbia from issuing any building or occupancy permit for the proposed development located at 1328 G Street, NW., unless the development is modified to conform to such law; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H.R. 1325. A bill to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 concerning the calculation of public building transactions; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STARK:

H.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Closing of a Public Alley and Establishment of an Easement in Square 253, S.O. 88-107, Act of 1994; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. MANTON (for himself and Mr. KNOLLENBERG):

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution concerning the economy of India and relations between the United States and India; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey:

H. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that any legislation passed by the Congress relating to assistance for School Lunch and Breakfast Programs should include a requirement to provide free lunches and breakfasts to economically disadvantaged students; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

27. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, relative to H.R. 842, the Truth in Budgeting Act; jointly, to the Committees on the Budget, Government Reform and Oversight, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 26: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 65: Mr. MASCARA and Mrs. VUCANO-VICH.

H.R. 89: Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 103: Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. SCHROEDER, and Mrs. CLAYTON.

H.R. 112: Ms. LOWEY, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. HILLIARD.

H.R. 244: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts and Mr. COSTELLO.

H.R. 303: Mr. MASCARA and Mrs. VUCANO-VICH.

H.R. 325: Mr. DOYLE and Mr. RUSH.