

who would wonder whether or not they too could paint a brush and make a picture. He has been very instrumental in a program in Houston, TX, called the artists in residence program.

What does that mean? It takes middle-school children and introduces them to famous artists and allows them to have the same creativity and spark of interest and thrill and excitement about being creative. This project is sponsored by the Museum of Fine Arts and, yes, it receives dollars from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Pornography? No. Sinfulness? No. opportunity? Yes, I salute both John Biggers and these many artists who have contributed to this program but more importantly I think it reinforces the value of the National Endowment for the Arts and likewise the history-telling of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

We wonder about art and whether or not it is part of culture. I would say if you asked the Houston Grand Opera or the Museum of Fine Arts or the Ensemble Theater or Mecca or the Asian Dance Company in Houston or the Acres Home Dance Theater, they could be able to tell the story of the eyes it has opened of children, children who thought for a moment that they had no creativity, that they could not be a danger, a speaker, an orator or an artist, or maybe someone who might have never had the opportunity to see some of our history unfold, not so much in a story book but on the theater stage as produced by the Human Grand Opera or any opera in this Nation.

I always believe that we must do things constructively and positively. I also believe we should do it with reason and a focus on the future. I do not think this country directs itself well if we take away the value of our culture, if we do not preserve it, if we do not teach it, if we do not understand it.

The National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities captures the spirit of what America is. It reflects on its diversity but more importantly it helps to uplift those who want to share our story.

It is important to have your story shared, whether it is in music, whether it is in the story teller or the history professor, whether it is in the opera singer, whether it is in the actor or on the stage, it is important to have the story of a nation told so that all people can understand the story.

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Mr. Speaker, let me share with you that the American public is willing to spend \$15 of its tax money, per family, to have the National Endowment for the Arts. Does that sound like a nation that wants to cut from underneath its very soul the opportunity to spread its culture? How proud we are when we share European history and African history and history from Latin America and history from Canada and history from the Pacific Rim. All of that is valuable.

Should we deny the American public the same opportunity to preserve both its history and its culture? I think not. Let us be instructed wisely. Shakespeare said the first thing we should do is kill all the lawyers. Some would say, as a trained lawyer, I would want to burn that and not want to hear the play that offered those words.

But I think in the spirit of art, certainly, there are limitations, but it is important to have that kind of diversity, that kind of contradiction and conflict, but as well, the opportunity for artists to express themselves.

The National Endowment for the Arts helps us do that. The National Endowment for the Humanities helps us preserve our culture. And with the great culture of the American Indian and all that is rested in this Nation, we would not want to lose that.

So my instruction, Mr. Speaker, is that we as Americans should draw together, yes, and be fiscally responsible. We have many, many challenges and many, many tasks. Many, many responsibilities for this Government. But I would say to you that to the child who stands in the classroom learning about his or her culture, or expressing himself or herself creatively through art or in the inner city or down in the stages in downtown Houston or New York or Chicago or Los Angeles, it is valuable to have entities that help us preserve who we are.

I support the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities and I think the amendments cutting these particular entities do us a disservice in this Nation. Let us preserve who we are.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLINGER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of weather/mechanical travel-related difficulties.

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

Mr. TUCKER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of travel problems.

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. LUTHER) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SKAGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. CANADY of Florida, for 5 minutes, on July 18.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each day, on July 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, 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. FOX of Pennsylvania) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. HANSEN.

Mr. BACHUS.

Mr. LAUGHLIN.

Mr. MARTINI.

Mr. CALLAHAN.

Mr. WALKER.

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota in two instances.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. GORDON.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. MENENDEZ in two instances.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. WARD.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 18, 1995, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1203. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on revised estimates of the budget receipts, outlays, and budget authority for fiscal years 1995-2000, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(a) (H. Doc. No. 104-98); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1204. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting amendments to the fiscal year 1996 appropriations requests for the Department of Defense, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Social Security Administration, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(b) (H. Doc. No. 104-99); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1205. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting amendments to the fiscal year 1996 appropriations

requests for the Departments of Commerce, Energy, Health and Human Services, Justice, State, Transportation, and the Treasury; the General Services Administration; and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(b) (H. Doc. No. 104-100); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1206. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a report entitled: "Study of Specialized Government Securities Brokers and Dealers," pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78o-5 note; to the Committee on Commerce.

1207. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for Presidential Determination on drawdown of Department of Treasury Commodities and Services to Support Serbia-Montenegro Sanctions Program Enforcement Efforts, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2348a; to the Committee on International Relations.

1208. A letter from the Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense articles and services sold commercially to French Guiana (Transmittal No. DTC-38-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1209. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2000 resulting from passage of H.R. 483, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1210. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-93, "District of Columbia Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Temporary Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1211. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-92, "Prohibition on the Transfer of Firearms Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1212. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled, "Fiscal Year 1993 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1213. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled, "Review of the Agency Fund of the Office of the People's Counsel for Fiscal Year 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1214. A letter from the Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's report on disposal of Federal records for fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 303a(f); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1215. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a report entitled, "Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act of 1984: Program Development Plan," pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.; to the Committee on Resources.

1216. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

1217. A letter from the Clerk of the House, transmitting the annual compilation of per-

sonal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 703(d)(1) and Rule XLIV, clause 1, of the House Rules (H. Doc. 104-97); to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ordered to be printed.

1218. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's 78th annual report covering its accomplishments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1992, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 46(f); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and the Judiciary.

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. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. House Joint Resolution 96. Resolution disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of the People's Republic of China; adversely (Rept. 104-188). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. S. 268. An act to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-189). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 190. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2020) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-190). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. WALKER (for himself, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 2043. A bill to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for human space flight, science, aeronautics, and technology, mission support, and inspector general, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. FRISA, and Mr. FORBES):

H.R. 2044. A bill to remove police officers employed by the Long Island Rail Road Company from coverage under the Employer's Liability Act, the Railway Labor Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. CRANE (for himself, Mr. GIBBONS, and Ms. DUNN of Washington):

H.R. 2045. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax treatment for foreign investment through a U.S. regulated investment company comparable to

the tax treatment for direct foreign investment and investment through a foreign mutual fund; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REED:

H.R. 2046. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to coastal States for development of State coastal zone management program changes to support adoption of procedures and policies to evaluate and facilitate siting of certain aquaculture facilities in the coastal zone, and to establish in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a marine aquaculture development program to be known as the Nantucket Program; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KING, and Mr. SALMON):

H.R. 2047. A bill concerning the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BREWSTER:

H. Res. 191. Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require the reduction of section 602(b)(1) suballocations to reflect floor amendments to general appropriation bills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. GEKAS introduced a bill (H.R. 2048) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Babs*; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 32: Mr. LAFALCE.

H.R. 72: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 104: Mr. ENGEL and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 127: Mr. QUINN.

H.R. 218: Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 325: Mr. TOWNS and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 427: Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. MCINNIS.

H.R. 552: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. PARKER, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 628: Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 743: Mr. WAMP and Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 789: Mr. KINGSTON.

H.R. 852: Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 863: Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. LUTHER, and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 883: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

H.R. 899: Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SALMON, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. STEARNS.

H.R. 910: Mr. FALCOMAVALA.

H.R. 949: Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 1006: Ms. VELAZQUEZ and Mr. WYDEN.

H.R. 1021: Mr. KLUG.

H.R. 1100: Mr. BROWN of California.

H.R. 1169: Mr. NEY.

H.R. 1202: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. TEJEDA.