

Examples include the 1992 case of *State v. Middlebrooks*, where the Tennessee Supreme Court overturned the state's felony murder rule, initially on federal grounds. Later, when the U.S. Supreme Court seemed poised to reverse, the Tennessee court reconsidered, insulating its holding on independent state grounds.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court went way out on a limb to anger voters with its 1992 decision to overturn that state's hate crime law (*State v. Mitchell*). In 1995 Montana's law prohibiting the use of voluntary intoxication as a defense to murder was (incorrectly) found to violate federal due process by the state supreme court (*State v. Egelhoff*).

Political pressure certainly didn't play a role in the California Supreme Court's recent decision to void the mandatory sentencing provision of the "Three strikes and you're out" law in *People v. Superior Court (Romero)*.

Examples like these may not matter to Judge Reinhardt. In the interest of elevating the "public standing and reputation" of the courts, he has, in both his written opinions and public statements, attacked the motives and integrity of the U.S. Supreme Court, the state courts, the other branches of government, the electorate and any law or legal precedent with which he does not agree.

In doing so he has shown the public that some federal judges, who are appointed by politicians and serve life terms, feel free to exercise their judicial power to further their political views. Apparently the irony of this is lost on him.

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

Mr. RICHARDSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SOLOMON, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills, and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 534. An act to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1734. An act to reauthorize the National Film Preservation Board, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2579. An act to establish the National Tourism Board and the National Tourism Organization to promote international travel and tourism to the United States; and

H.J. Res. 198. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress and the day for the counting in Congress of the elec-

toral votes for President and Vice President cast in December 1996.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 640. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes;

S. 811. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies regarding the desalination of water and water reuse, and for other purposes;

S. 1044. An act to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize provisions relating to health centers, and for other purposes;

S. 1467. An act to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System, to authorize assistance to the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning, design, and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes;

S. 1505. An act to reduce risk to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids, and for other purposes;

S. 1711. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for a study of the Federal programs for veterans, and for other purposes;

S. 1965. An act to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine;

S. 1973. An act to provide for the settlement of the Navajo-Hopi land dispute, and for other purposes; and

S. 2153. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located in Brewer, Maine, as the "Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Post Office Building", and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 3, 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:

5409. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the annual report on the status of the public ports of the United States for calendar years 1994-95, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 308(c); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5410. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Fruit Trees from France [Docket No. 94-102-3] received October 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5411. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Depart-

ment of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Standards for First Aid at Metal and Nonmetal Mines (RIN: 1219-AA97) received October 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

5412. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Protection of Human Subjects; Informed Consent (RIN: 0910-AA60) received October 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5413. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List [ID #96-005] received October 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5414. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting the third annual report on the impact of the Andean Trade Preference Act on U.S. industries and consumers and on drug crop eradication and crop substitution, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 3204; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2740. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than October 4, 1996.

H.R. 2923. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than October 4, 1996.

H.R. 2976. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Government Reform and Oversight for a period ending not later than October 4, 1996.

H.R. 4012. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than October 4, 1996.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII,

Mr. RICHARDSON (for himself, Mr. JOHN-SON of South Dakota, and Mr. MILLER of California) introduced a resolution (H. Res. 556.) expressing the intentions of the House of Representatives concerning the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as they relate to telecommunications services to native Americans, including Alaskan Natives; to the Committee on Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 2651: Mr. BALDACCI.

H.R. 2734: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 2900: Mr. FUNDERBURK.

H.R. 3466: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 3837: Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. BALDACCI.

H.R. 4072: Mr. DOOLEY.

H.R. 4092: Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 4105: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 4170: Mr. PORTMAN.

H.R. 4274: Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 4305: Mr. POMEROY.

H.R. 4334: Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 510: Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H. Res. 555: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. NEY, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. WAXMAN.