

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:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 30, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, January 30, 1998 at 10:03 a.m.: that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3042.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, *Clerk.*

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 15, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: It is with very mixed feelings that I write to you to tender my resignation from the House of Representatives, effective at the close of business on Friday, February 6, 1998. After so many years of watching my family's sacrifice, in the interests of public service, I find that the requirements of being more available to them now press very hard upon me. Therefore, I will leave the House and turn my attention to these pressing matters.

Serving in the House has been a profound honor, both because it has allowed me to share in the traditions and history of the House and because of the incredible district that I was honored to represent in the House chamber. I will miss my many colleagues and the opportunity to contribute so directly to the governance of our nation. I leave with a sense of significant accomplishment, as well as with the optimism with which I entered the chamber for the first time in 1971. I will value our friendship and the challenging debate that we have engaged in over these many years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish you well and extend through you my very best wishes to all of our colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

RONALD V. DELLUMS,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 27, 1998.

Gov. PETE WILSON,
State Capitol,
Sacramento, CA.

DEAR GOVERNOR WILSON: I write to you pursuant to California law to advise you that I will resign my office, Representative in Congress, 9th California District, effective at the close of business on February 6, 1998. I have similarly advised the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I appreciate and have been honored by the opportunity to have served the people of the State of California in the United States Congress.

Sincerely yours,

RONALD V. DELLUMS,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE
HENRY BONILLA, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Henry Bonilla, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 2, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that my office has been served with a subpoena (for written testimony and documents) issued by the 63rd District Court for Val Verde County, Texas, and directed to the "Custodian of Records, United States of Representatives."

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is not consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House and, therefore, that the subpoena should be resisted.

Sincerely,

HENRY BONILLA,
Member of Congress.

A LEOPARD CANNOT CHANGE HIS
SPOTS

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, it is often said that a leopard cannot change his spots. It must also be said of Bill Clinton that he cannot stop his bad habits, the most obvious of those habits being his propensity to tax and spend.

The President's budget submission is a reaffirmation of this administration's commitment to a bigger government and a heavier tax burden for working Americans. The President's budget includes close to \$100 billion in new taxes to pay for close to \$100 billion in bigger government.

The American people do not want new taxes and they do not want new government programs. They want a smaller and smarter government that takes less of their money and works more effectively for their families. This is not the time to increase taxes. This is the time to cut taxes. The President's budget is a disappointment, but not a surprise. One cannot expect a leopard to change its spots and one cannot expect President Clinton to embrace the concepts of a smaller and smarter Federal Government.

KARLA FAYE TUCKER DESERVES
THE DEATH PENALTY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Karla Faye Tucker, who is scheduled to be executed tonight, has asked for clemency. This is the same Karla Faye Tucker who brutally murdered two helpless victims with a pick ax, no less.

At that trial, Karla Faye testified, and I quote, that she "enjoyed every single killing stroke" and that she knowingly did not pay any attention to the screams and pleas of her dying victims.

But now, Karla Faye has found the Lord and she begs for mercy. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Who now speaks for the innocent victims of Karla Faye Tucker? I say good night, sweet princess. Karla Faye Tucker has deserved the death penalty. She earned it with every single enjoyable killing stroke on those helpless victims.

Think about it. An America that tolerates and coddles murderers will continue to have them.

COMPETITION IN
COMMUNICATIONS

(Mr. NORWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, there are critics of Congress and the Communications Act of 1996 who say our efforts to bring competition to the American people have failed. Now, Mr. Speaker, we know that Rome was not built in one day. We also know, thanks to this act, we are seeing competition in this industry sprout like a budding flower on a spring morning.

This act is working, Mr. Speaker. Almost 300 companies have been certified as local carriers in the territory just covered by Bell South. What we need now is for industry to completely honor the intent of the act and for the regulators, both Federal and as well as local regulators, to move as quickly as possible to implement this act the way Congress intended it to be.

Mr. Speaker, let us bring real choice, cheaper prices, and one-stop shopping to all consumers as soon as possible.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
INTEGRITY ACT

(Mr. KLECZKA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to offer legislation that will restore the integrity of the final resting place for many of our veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. In recent months we have heard about 69 non-veterans who were granted waivers by the Secretary of the Army to be buried in Arlington over the last 6 years. We also heard allegations that campaign donations may have influenced the waiver process.

While an investigation by the GAO found no wrongdoing, the need for tightened standards has become evident.

That is why today I am introducing the Arlington National Cemetery Integrity Act, which will put into law the current regulations allowing veterans, certain family members, and a few distinguished government officials who